

Elite Heroes

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) —

The loss of dozens of elite American troops to a Taliban rocket-propelled grenade is a window on the war to come — focused increasingly on the type of special operations the troops were pursuing when their helicopter crashed.

The U.S. military released new details Monday about the crash in the Tangi Valley, a dangerous area of Wardak province on the doorstep of the Afghan capital. The 30 U.S. troops, seven Afghan commandos and an Afghan interpreter who died were taking part in one of thousands of nighttime operations being conducted annually across the nation. The sheer number of these missions is evidence that progress in the nearly decade-long war depends more on efforts to kill or capture insurgents than the overarching strategy of building support for the Afghan government at grassroots levels. And these missions will take on relatively more importance as troop levels decline.

Saturday's crash of the CH-47 Chinook helicopter was deadliest single loss for U.S. forces in the war and raised anew questions in the United States about why U.S. troops are still fighting the unpopular conflict.

U.S. leaders vowed on Monday not to let the loss rewrite the war strategy.

"We will press on and we will succeed," President Barack Obama said at the White House.

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta said, "As heavy a loss as this was, it would even be more tragic if we allowed it to derail this country from our efforts to defeat al-Qaida and deny them a safe haven in Afghanistan."

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A Nation's Good...



President Barack Obama speaks in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, Monday, Aug. 8, 2011. Obama addressed the country's credit rating downgrade by the Standard & Poor's credit rating agency and the deaths of 30 American service-men in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)
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Famine Spreads

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DADAAB, Kenya (AP) —

Hundreds of thousands of Somali children could die in East Africa's famine unless more help arrives, a top U.S. official warned Monday in the starkest death toll prediction yet. To highlight the crisis, the wife of Vice President Joe Biden visited a refugee camp filled with hungry Somalis. Jill Biden is the highest-profile U.S. visitor to East Africa since the number of refugees coming across the Somali border dramatically increased in July. Biden, who traveled

to the camp in a C-130 military transport plane, said she wants to raise awareness and persuade donors to give more. "One of the reasons to be here is just to ask Americans and people worldwide, the global community, the human family, if they could just reach a little deeper into their pockets and give money to help these poor people, these poor mothers and children," said Biden, who met with two Somali mothers and their eight children.

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In this photograph taken during an official White House organized visit, Jill Biden, wife of U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, sits with Somali refugees during a photo opportunity at a UNHCR screening center on the outskirts of Ifo camp outside Dadaab, eastern Kenya, 100 kms (60 miles) from the Somali border, Monday Aug. 8, 2011.

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Obama: nation's good must supersede self-interest

Continued from front

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WASHINGTON — If ever there was a time for contrition in this town, it might be after the events of the last few days: A deeply embarrassing downgrading of the nation's credit rating and poll numbers showing public support for Congress at record lows were topped on Monday with a bracing plunge in the stock market. But it was not to be. Even as the Dow Jones industrial average fell 5.5 percent on the heels of a 5.75 percent drop last week, congressional Republicans and Democrats retreated to their now-familiar positions, accusing the other side of sparking the economic turmoil as President Barack Obama continued to preach compromise. Even as he tried to calm an increasingly nervous coun-

try, there were few reassurances that any consensus on debt-reduction or remedies to spur the stalling economy were on the way. "It's not a lack of plans or

it rating last Friday. "It's a lack of political will in Washington. It's the insistence on drawing lines in the sand, a refusal to put what's best for the country ahead of



Trader Andrew Stavros reacts after the close of trading in the NASDAQ, 100 Index pit, on the floor of The CME Group Monday, Aug. 8, 2011, in Chicago. Stocks plummeted at the close after anxiety overtook investors on the first trading day since Standard & Poor's downgraded American debt.

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policies that is the problem here," Obama said during his first public comments on the economy since Standard and Poor's downgraded the country's cred-

self-interest or party of ideology. And that's what we need to change."

Obama then offered, with no modification or expansion, that he would be

presenting recommendations to a congressional committee charged with crafting a deficit-reduction plan, but hewed to the same central points that he made during the debt-ceiling negotiations, principally that spending cuts must be accompanied by tax increases.

Gene Sperling, the director of the National Economic Council, said: "You've got a president who has pushed his own supporters to accept politically painful choices, today encouraging a coalition of the willing from both sides to opt for compromise on deficit reduction on entitlement and tax reform at a time where we have seen the real economic harm that comes from drawing hard and fast lines in the sand. That is exactly what a president should be doing at a moment like now."

Congressional Republicans too, stuck to their talking points, offering up little

fresh proposals. Repairing to their districts, they told voters that the reason for the downgrade of American debt and the precipitous slide in the stock market was not gridlock but a final budget deal that did not cut enough spending. Democrats coined a new tagline — the "Tea Party downgrade" — which they trotted out to anyone who would listen with the hopes that voters would blame Republicans for the nation's problems.

"This is the Tea Party downgrade because a minority of people in the House of Representatives countered even the will of many Republicans in the United States Senate who were prepared to do a bigger deal," said Sen. John Kerry on Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

While the tag may or may not stick, the political dynamics of the debt-ceiling vote were more complicated. □

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Maid sues DSK

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NEW YORK (AP) — A hotel maid who accuses ex-International Monetary Fund boss Dominique Strauss-Kahn of sexual assault sued him Monday over what she calls a “violent and sadistic” attack in an upscale suite that left her life “in shambles.”

Lawyers for the maid, Guinean immigrant Nafissatou Diallo, wrote in the lawsuit that Strauss-Kahn “intentionally, brutally and violently sexually assaulted Ms. Diallo and in the process humiliated, degraded, violated and robbed Ms. Diallo of her dignity as a woman.”

The lawyers, Kenneth Thompson and Douglas Wigdor, promised to tell a jury about other instances when Strauss-Kahn sexually attacked women in hotel rooms and apartments, coerced employees into complying with sexual demands or accosted women with inappropriate sexual remarks and tried to get them to perform sexual acts.

They said the lawsuit, seeking unspecified damages, would “redress the violent and sadistic attack by defendant Strauss-Kahn on Nafissatou Diallo when he sexually assaulted” her on May 14 at the Sofitel hotel in midtown Manhattan.

The lawsuit says Strauss-Kahn injured Diallo’s shoulder, bruised her vagina, tore her pantyhose and violently grabbed the back of her head during the attack. □

Polygamist heard on tape training girls for sex

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SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Convicted polygamist leader Warren Jeffs was heard Monday giving his child brides instructions on how to please him sexually during a graphic 10-minute tape played for a Texas jury.

An FBI agent testified that the 2004 audiotape, in which Jeffs is heard breathing heavily, preceded Jeffs having sex at the same time with all the girls, who were 15 and younger. Several jurors squirmed or wiped away tears during the sometimes-scratchy recording. Jeffs faces life in prison after being convicted by the same jury last week of sexually assaulting two of his “brides,” who were 12 and 15. The sentencing phase of his trial is expected to finish early this week. Prosecutors showed a page from one of Jeffs’ journals.

“If the world knew what I was doing, they would hang me from the highest tree,” Jeffs wrote in 2005, according to one of thousands of pages of notes seized from his Texas ranch. The 55-year-old is the ecclesiastical head of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. More than 10,000 followers consider him God’s spokesman on earth.

Jeffs boycotted his sentencing phase for a third straight day, but made a brief courtroom appearance Monday after being summoned by state District Judge Barbara Walther.

She told Jeffs’ attorney, Deric Walpole, that she wanted to make sure Jeffs hadn’t changed his mind.

Wearing a charcoal suit and carrying a blank yellow legal pad, Jeffs walked

The voices of at least two girls responded, “Yes.”

Jeffs kept meticulous records — as jurors found out during the conviction phase of the trial. Last week, they heard a tape of

girls as brides “who can be worked with and easily taught.”

FBI agent John Broadway testified that fathers who gave their young daughters to Jeffs — their proph-



Warren Jeffs is taken into the side entrance of the Tom Green County Courthouse, Monday, Aug. 8, 2011 in San Angelo, Texas. Jurors convicted Jeffs last week of sexually assaulting two girls, ages 12 and 15, whom he'd taken as brides. He faces up to life in prison. Jeffs has led the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints since 2002.

(AP Photo/ San Angelo Standard-Times, Patrick Dove)

back into court but never spoke. Walpole said Jeffs wanted to stay outside, and Jeffs was escorted back to another room in the courthouse.

Soon after, prosecutors played the tapes. Jeffs is heard telling the girls that what “the five of you are about to do is important.” The recording ends with him asking the girls if his instructions are detailed enough.

what prosecutors said was Jeffs sexually assaulting the 12-year-old victim.

Prosecutors suggested that the polygamist leader told the girls they needed to have sex with him — in what Jeffs called “heavenly” or “celestial” sessions — in order to atone for sins in his community. Several times in his journals, Jeffs wrote of God telling him to take more and more young

et — were rewarded with young brides of their own. Girls who proved reluctant to have sex with Jeffs were sent away, according to excerpts from Jeffs’ journals that prosecutors showed to the jury.

“If they wanted to not be rejected by God, then the new laws (Jeffs) was introducing was requiring them to participate in these sessions,” Broadway said. □

On Cape Cod:

Drug problem fuels a rise in property crimes

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DENNIS, Mass. — In late April, Mildred Duda, 77, woke up in the middle of the night to find three masked men in her bedroom, rifling through her possessions. The police believe that the men had information about when Duda refilled her prescription for what they wanted: narcotic painkillers.

Duda's home has been the target of eight attempted or successful break-ins this year, terrifying her and frustrating the police, who have spent nights stationed outside her gray home here, trying to catch the men. Duda, a retired nurse who takes painkillers for a number of ailments, including a spinal fusion and a hiatal hernia, left Cape Cod to stay with her son for the summer.

"She doesn't even feel safe anymore," said Dan Duda, the son.

Cape Cod may be a summer playground known for its pristine beaches, shingled homes and laid-back way of life. But unbeknownst to most tourists, parts of it are plagued by drug abuse that the police say has led to a jump in property crime.



Beachgoers at Corporation Beach in Dennis, Mass., July 25, 2011. Unknown to most tourists, parts of Dennis and Cape Cod, Mass., are plagued by drug abuse, mostly prescription drugs, of which the police say has led to a jump in property crime.
(Evan McGlinn/The New York Times)

Thieves have smashed the windows of dozens of cars parked at the beach, grabbing GPS devices and iPods. Flat-screen televisions have been taken from isolated summer homes. Purses snatched out of the sand have been found in the woods, missing only cash. And while not all of the thefts can be linked to drug abuse, the police say many of those arrested for the crimes admit they wanted money for pills.

"They just tell you straight up front, 'I'm an addict, I have a really bad Percocet problem,'" said Sgt. Cleve Daniels of the Den-

nis police. Mug shots lining a bulletin board at the police department are mostly "people active in the local drug trade," he added.

In Dennis, where a gazebo with patriotic bunting sits on the town green and bicyclists in flip-flops coast down narrow roads lined with picket fences, property crime has risen sharply over the last few years, Daniels said. The number of burglaries and break-ins increased to 252 in 2010 from 122 in 2007. In the same period, larcenies rose to 396, from 256. About 75 percent of the property crimes are drug-related, Daniels es-

timated. The pills sell for about \$1 a milligram, but sometimes more, and the authorities believe that most are coming from Florida. Mawn said there had been a rise in prostitution — a problem virtually unheard of on Cape Cod years ago — because of the drug trade.

Mawn said that when he arrested people, he routinely asked them if anyone in their circle was not abusing prescription painkillers. "And the answer is no," he said.

Last year, thieves broke into 50 summer homes and smashed the windows of many cars at Corporation Beach, a tranquil crescent of sand often filled with frolicking families.

The crimes are straining the police force in Dennis, whose year-round population of 17,000 swells to about 75,000 in the summer. The number of police officers stays at about 40, Daniels said. "It's a struggle for us sometimes," he said.

People typically steal cash, as well as electronics and jewelry that end up in local pawn shops, Daniels said. There have been a few drug-related bank robberies on Cape Cod, and last year, a rash of break-ins where about 300 flat-screen televisions were taken.

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Visitors outside Nancy's Candy, in Dennis, a town where an unusual number of break-ins to summer homes and vehicles have occurred, Mass.

(Evan McGlinn/The New York Times)

timated. Electronic signs that typically warn of road construction are reminding drivers along Route 134 to lock their cars and secure valuables.

"People come to the cape and it's often they're in the vacation mentality, and the last thing they think about is crime," Daniels said. "They're unaware of the substantial problem we do have. Everyone's guard is down when they're on

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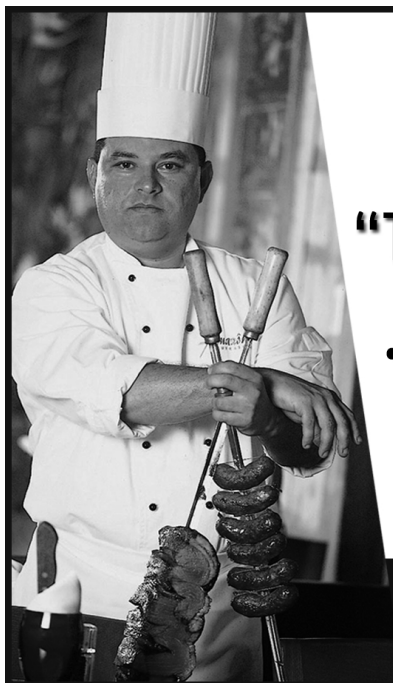
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Upscale hotels are reimagining their shops

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The hotel shop, with its practical mix of sundries, souvenirs and candy bars, has been a predictable if uninspired lobby fixture for years. But as hotels scramble to distinguish themselves, many are rethinking their shops, upgrading and expanding merchandise and fashioning shops as destinations for both guests and local residents, much as they did with restaurants a decade ago.

More Barneys than Walgreens, shops at many upscale hotels in the United States and abroad are increasingly flaunting the trappings of high-style boutiques. In addition to toothpaste and floss, the shops now stock items found in vogue gift shops, fashion emporiums and even art galleries. They also stock goods specially made for the hotel that go beyond bathrobes and sheets. Cocktail dresses, bracelets and earrings designed exclusively for W Hotels are featured in W hotel shops in cities like Mexico City, London and Barcelona, Spain. The Standard Hotel in New York invites artists to create installations in the shop, which are offered for sale along with limited-edition prints, posters and even playing cards based on their work. Staples like magazines, jewelry and fragrances also are for sale. Some hotels are rethinking the concept of the shop it-

self, including shops at several properties operated by the Morgans Hotel Group. With no space for a shop, the Mondrian South Beach installed an oversize vending machine, called a Semi-Automatic, stocked with items like \$10 heart-shaped sunglasses and \$350 gold-plated handcuffs.

Earlier this year, St Martins Lane hotel in London replaced its sundry shop with a pop-up shop, where retailers, including a vinyl record dealer and a gelato

including Rogan sweaters and shirts. Items are delivered to the room in 10 minutes. With occupancy rates and the number of travelers on the rise, industry experts predict growth in high-concept hotel shops.

"Shops are one of the remaining opportunities hotels have for people to say 'This place is different, better, cleverer and more exciting than I expected,'" said Bjorn Hanson, divisional dean of the Preston Robert Tisch Center for Hospitality,

University, agreed. "Shops seem a win-win situation for the hotels," he said. Leasing the shop's space to the right vendor can be a money-maker, he said. An appealing shop entices guests to spend more time and money at the hotel.

"If it's done right, retailing is another layer that makes the overall experience more engaging," said Alex Calderwood, whose Ace Hotel in New York houses scaled-down outposts of Opening Ceremony and

tel shop, including \$3 sewing kits and \$380 Chloe Sevigny platform shoes.

Hotels need to determine whether they can make more money leasing space to a shop than leasing to some other business, like a restaurant or bar, experts say. Depending on the property and shop location, hotels charge vendors as much as \$1,000 a square foot and as little as \$50, Hanson said. Some hotels also receive a portion of the sales revenue.

So far, most retailing innovation has come from small boutique chains and higher-end independent properties.

At large chains like Marriott or Westin, shops in leisure markets where the average stay is five days have taken the lead, usually with clothing or items related to the locale, Hanson said. "It's market by market and hotel by hotel rather than systemwide corporate initiatives."

W Hotels, with stores in 18 of its 41 properties worldwide, is widely credited with devising the blueprint for the high-concept hotel shop in 2002, when it outfitted the W New York shop with high-style clothing, accessories and scented candles but no sundries.

Two years ago, the chain hired a fashion director to oversee twice-yearly W clothing collections, designed exclusively for W and introduced at New York Fashion Week and at hotel trunk shows. □



Tanya Bloom tents to customers at The Shop at the Standard Hotel, in New York. Many hotels are upgrading their shops as destinations for both guests and local residents, much as they did with restaurants a decade ago.

(Chester Higgins Jr./The New York Times)

maker, take up residence for two to three months. And at the new Mondrian Soho in New York, where space is at a premium, guests can use an in-room iPad to shop for an expanded list of minibar offerings,

Tourism and Sports Management at New York University.

Chekitan Dev, an associate professor of strategic marketing and brand management at the School of Hotel Administration at Cornell

Project No. 8, two downtown New York clothing boutiques. "You want guests to find things they may not see everywhere else." About 10 percent of Opening Ceremony's Ace stock is exclusive to the ho-

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Dog helps rape victim, 15, testify

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POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. — Rosie, the first judicially approved courtroom dog in New York, was in the witness box here nuzzling a 15-year-old girl who was testifying that her father had raped and impregnated her. Rosie sat by the teenager's feet. At particularly bad moments, she leaned in. When the trial ended in June with the father's conviction, the teenager "was most grateful to Rosie above all," said David A. Crenshaw, a psychologist who works with the teenager. "She just kept hugging Rosie."

Now an appeal planned by the defense lawyers is placing Rosie at the heart of a legal debate that will test whether there will be more Rosies in courtrooms in New York and, possibly, other states.

Rosie is a golden retriever therapy dog who specializes in comforting people when they are under stress. Both prosecutors and defense lawyers have described her as adorable, though she has been known to slobber. Prosecutors here noted that she is also in the vanguard of a growing trial trend: In Arizona, Hawaii, Indiana, Idaho and some other states in the past few years, courts have allowed such trained dogs to offer children and other vulnerable witnesses nuzzling solace in front of juries.

The new role for dogs as testimony enablers can raise thorny legal questions, however, with defense law-

yers arguing that the dogs may unfairly sway jurors with their cuteness and the natural empathy they attract — whether a witness is telling the truth or not — and some prosecutors insisting that the courtroom dogs can be a crucial comfort

dog means the difference between a conviction and an acquittal," said Ellen O'Neill-Stephens, a Seattle prosecutor who has become a campaigner for the dog-in-court cause. Seeing-eye and other service dogs have long been

Greller ruled that Rosie was similar to the teddy bear that a New York state appeals court said in 1994 could accompany a child witness.

At least once when the teenager hesitated in Greller's courtroom, Rosie rose

apy dog, Rosie responds to people under stress by comforting them, whether the stress comes from confronting a guilty defendant or lying under oath.

But they say jurors are likely to conclude that the dog is helping victims expose the truth. "Every time she stroked the dog," Martin said in an interview, "it sent an unconscious message to the jury that she was under stress because she was telling the truth."

"There was no way for me to cross-examine the dog," Martin said. In written arguments, the defense lawyers claimed it was "prosecutorial misconduct" for the Dutchess County assistant district attorney handling the rape case, Kristine Hawk, to arrange for Rosie to be taken into the courtroom. Cute as the dog was, the defense said, Rosie's presence "infected the trial with such unfairness" that it constituted a violation of their client's constitutional rights.

Hawk declined to discuss Rosie. In written arguments, she said that all Rosie did was help a victim suffering from serious emotional distress, and she called the defense claims "frivolous accusations."

The defense lawyers acknowledged the risk of appearing anti-dog. Rosie, they wrote, "is a lovely creature and by all standards a 'good dog,'" and, they added, the defendant "wishes her only the best." As the lawyers prepare their appeal, Rosie has been busy. □



Rosie, a dog that accompanies children as they testify in court, with Dale Picard, her co-owner and trainer, outside the Dutchess County Courthouse in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Rosie, a golden retriever therapy dog that specializes in comforting people when they are under stress, is now the center of attention in an appeal planned by defense lawyers starting a legal debate that will test whether there will be more Rosies in courtrooms in New York and, possibly, other states.

(Kelly Shimoda/The New York Times)

to those enduring the ordeal of testifying, especially children.

The new witness-stand role for dogs in a handful of states began in 2003, when the prosecution won permission for a dog named Jeeter with a beige button nose to help in a sexual assault case in Seattle. "Sometimes the

permitted in courts. But in a ruling in June that allowed Rosie to accompany the teenage rape victim to the trial here, a Dutchess County Court judge, Stephen L. Greller, said the teenager was traumatized and the defendant, Victor Tohom, appeared threatening. Although he said there was no precedent in the state,

and seemed to push the girl gently with her nose. Tohom was convicted and sentenced to 25 years to life.

His public defenders, David S. Martin and Steven W. Levine, have raised a series of objections that they say seem likely to land the case in New York's highest court. They argue that as a ther-

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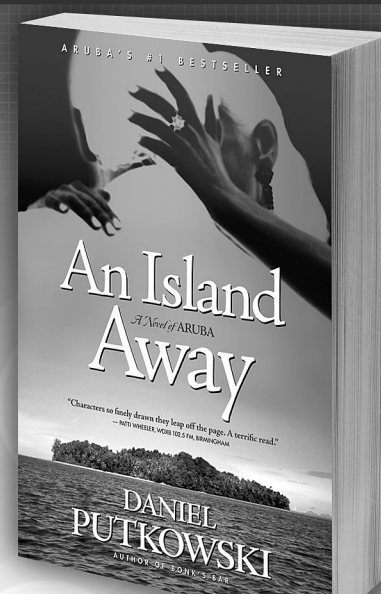
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After World Cup thrills, women return to uncertain future

Jere Longman

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BOCA RATON, Fla. — Three

weeks after losing in the final of the Women's World Cup, the players on the U.S. national team have returned to their professional soccer league. They have been welcomed home as if they were champions, handed roses and plaques calling them "extraordinary heroes," an embrace that they both appreciate and find somewhat baffling.

"It definitely makes it hard coming back and being honored," midfielder Carli Lloyd said. "We're like: 'Wait a minute, we're confused. We didn't win.' But at the end of the day, it's been really special coming home. We did so much for the game. It's been amazing." Yet, despite the fame and glory the Americans achieved with their thrilling run at the World Cup, the far less glamorous and more uncertain existence of league soccer has abruptly returned.

Attendance and television ratings have swelled in the 3-year-old Women's Professional Soccer league, but there is no guarantee that it will survive into Year 4. Salaries, which average \$25,000 but run as low as \$200 a game for a few, according to players, face further cuts. Front offices of the six teams are run by skeletal staffs. Health and dental insurance plans are being reconsidered as team owners search for financial viability. Even Abby Wambach, who emerged as the biggest star of the U.S. team

for her heading prowess, is caught up in the disarray of the fledgling pro league.



Heather Mitts, of the Atlanta Beat, right, and Kia McNeill, of Philadelphia Independence, fight for the ball during a game in Chester, Pa. The World Cup bolstered interest in women's soccer, but history suggests sustaining a fully professional women's league in the United States will be difficult.

(Ryan Collard/The New York Times)

The future remains tentative for her team, magicJack, which is named after a broadband telephoning device.

The league is threatening to terminate the South Florida franchise after the season ends this month. It has accused the team owner, Dan Borislow, of violating various operating rules, failing to pay bills, bullying players and briefly coaching the squad without a proper license.

Borislow, who has opened his checkbook and stocked his team with seven U.S. World Cup players, has sought a court injunction to prevent disbandment.

He said league management was "a lot better at lying than running a profes-

sional sports league," had inflated attendance figures and jeopardized the

Amid the controversy, Wambach has become player-coach of the team. She has seemingly provided a calmer, more relaxed environment as the play-offs approach.

"This isn't my first priority, but I think this gives the team the best chance to win a championship," Wambach said. "I ask a lot of questions, get everybody's opinion. You want to make sure we win games, but this has to be a really good experience for everybody." To be sure, the World Cup bolstered women's soccer. Since the tournament, average attendance has increased to 5,164 from 2,741 at WPS matches. Television ratings are up 18.5 percent. Social media traffic has soared.



Amber Hutchison, 14, left, takes a photo, with Kelsey Bromwell, 14, during the Women's Professional Soccer League game featuring magicJack versus Sky Blue FC, in Boca Raton, Fla., Aug. 5, 2011. The World Cup bolstered interest in women's soccer, but history suggests sustaining a fully professional women's league in the United States will be difficult.

(Josh Ritchie/The New York Times)

WPS' existence with paltry salaries, saying some players were essentially "indentured servants."

Inquiries are being fielded about expansion of the six-team league and additional corporate sponsorships.

Goalkeeper Hope Solo has signed an endorsement deal with Gatorade that will pay her about \$100,000 a year.

"I've never felt better about the potential of the league," Anne-Marie Eilarrass, the league's chief executive, said.

WPS is considered the world's best women's league. A quarter of the players in the recent 16-team World Cup have played in the league, Eilarrass said. But history suggests that operating a fully professional women's league in the United States will be difficult, and that a semiprofessional model found in Europe may be more sustainable.

Even bolstered by a victorious 1999 World Cup and pioneering stars like Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain, Julie Foudy and Briana Scurry, the Women's United Soccer Association folded in 2003 after three seasons and a capital investment of \$100 million. Since the U.S. women faced Japan last month in the World Cup final before a sellout crowd of 48,817 in Frankfurt, they have returned to playing mostly in small college stadiums in the East and Southeast. A league-record crowd of 15,404 attended a match July 20 in Rochester, N.Y., as Wambach returned to her hometown.

Inevitably, some crowds have begun to contract.

After drawing 3,286 fans to a home game last month, Wambach's South Florida team drew 1,727 here Wednesday. □

Deadly crash highlights role of U.S. Elite forces

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In Kabul, German Brig. Gen. Carsten Jacobson, a spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition, said, "The incident, as tragic as it was in its magnitude, will have no influence on the conduct of operations." Jacobson said troops continued Monday to recover every last piece of the helicopter and that no one was being allowed in or out of the heavily secured crash site during the investigation. A ceremony was held at Bagram Air Field, a massive military installation north of Kabul, to pay respect to fallen service members being sent back to the United States. Marine Gen. John Allen, the new top commander of U.S. and coalition forces in Afghanistan, released a statement early Tuesday in honor of the fallen American and Afghan troops. "In life they were comrades in arms and in death they are bound forever in this vital cause," he said. "We cherish this selfless sacrifice." Pentagon officials said two C-17 aircraft carrying the remains of U.S. and Afghan troops killed in the crash left Afghanistan Monday night en route to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. They said that there will be no public media coverage at the Dover base during the ceremony that typically takes place when the bodies of fallen troops arrive because the badly damaged remains are mingled and still being identified.

Many of the Americans who died were members of the Navy's SEAL Team Six, the unit that conducted the raid that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden at his hideout in

ing them to the scene of an ongoing fight between coalition forces and insurgents.

Ali Ahmad Khashai, deputy governor of Wardak province, said Taliban in-

downed the helicopter with a rocket. U.S. military officials said the helicopter was hit as it was trying to land. Although the investigation has not yet been completed, the



A Marine carry team moves a transfer case containing the remains of Sgt. Daniel D. Gurr as a transfer case containing the remains of Sgt. Daniel J. Patron sits on a loader Monday, Aug. 8, 2011 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. According to the Department of Defense, Gurr, 21, of Vernal, Utah, died Aug. 5, 2011 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan and Patron, of Canton, Ohio, died while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

(AP Photo/Steve Ruark)

Pakistan. But none of the SEALs killed in the crash took part in the bin Laden mission. The official name of the SEAL team is the Naval Special Warfare Development Group. The troops, who were packed into the twin-rotor chopper, crashed while on a mission that targeted a Taliban leader in the mountainous and heavily forested Sayd Abad district of Wardak, the coalition said. The helicopter was transport-

surgents frequently move through the Tangi Valley. "This area concerns us because many attacks in Wardak are organized and planned in Tangi," he said. "The enemy is active and the (military) operations have not been effective, unfortunately, because it is between three provinces. Maybe there are mountains and forests between these provinces that no one is taking responsibility for." The Taliban claimed they

coalition said in a statement that the "helicopter was reportedly fired on by an insurgent rocket-propelled grenade." Coalition troops on the ground searching for the Taliban leader saw several insurgents armed with rocket-propelled grenades and AK-47 assault rifles moving through the area, the coalition said. U.S. officials said the ground force was made up of U.S. Army Rangers, who regularly work with the SEALs. During the gun-battle, the ground force called for assistance. "Those additional personnel were inbound to the scene when the CH-47 carrying them crashed, killing all on board," the coalition said. A U.S. official said the force was acting as what is called an "Immediate Reaction Force," flying in to provide extra firepower to subdue a target, rather than a Quick Reaction Force, which comes in to stage a rescue. But multiple officials say hard questions are being asked about whether the target merited risking so many elite troops. □

Anger in Japan

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FUKUSHIMA, Japan – The day after a giant tsunami set off the continuing disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, thousands of residents at the nearby town of Namie gathered to evacuate. Given no guidance from Tokyo, town officials led the residents north, believing that winter winds would be blowing south and carrying away any radioactive emissions. For three nights, while hydrogen explosions at four of the reactors spewed radiation into the air, they stayed in a district called Tsushima where the children played outside and some parents used water from a mountain stream to prepare rice.

The winds, in fact, had been blowing directly toward Tsushima – and town officials would learn two months later that a government computer system designed to predict the spread of radioactive releases had been showing just that. But the forecasts were left unpublicized by bureaucrats in Tokyo, operating in a culture that sought to avoid responsibility and, above all, criticism. Japan's political leaders at first did not know the system existed and later played down the data, apparently fearful of having to significantly enlarge the area of evacuation – and acknowledge the nuclear accident's severity. "From the 12th to the 15th we were in a location with one of the highest levels of radiation," Tamotsu Baba, the mayor of Namie, said in an interview in Nihonmatsu, a town where thousands from Namie are now living in temporary housing. "We are extremely worried about internal exposure to radiation." The withholding of information, he said, was akin to "murder." □



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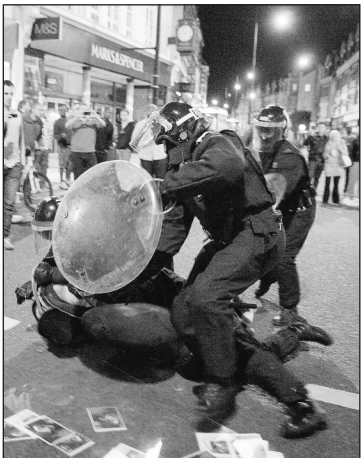
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Police arrest a man for looting in Clapham Junction in south London, Monday, Aug. 8, 2011. Violence and looting spread across some of London's most impoverished neighborhoods on Monday, with youths setting fire to shops and vehicles, during a third day of rioting in the city that will host next summer's Olympic Games.

(AP Photo/Simon Dawson)

UK riots spread

LONDON (AP) — British police say violence and looting has spread to a third city, with authorities handling outbreaks of violence in the northern city of Liverpool.

Liverpool's police department said officers were responding to a "number of isolated outbreaks of disorder," including vehicles set ablaze and buildings attacked in the city's southern neighborhoods.

It follows a major escalation of rioting across London since a wave of violence first broke out on Saturday night. Police in the country's central city of Birmingham also confirmed more than 30 people had been arrested after shops in a main retail district were attacked. □

Famine: "Hundreds of thousands of kids could die"

Continued from front

As a long convoy of SUVs drove through the sand to bring her to the camp, small wildebeests scurried off to the side and women tended a herd of goats. Biden was then taken on a tour of the refugee camp by personnel.

"There is hope if people start to pay attention to this," said Biden, who also met with Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga.

A drought has turned into famine because little aid can reach militant-controlled south-central Somalia, forcing tens of thousands of Somalis who have exhausted all the region's food to walk to camps in Kenya, Ethiopia and the Somali capital of Mogadishu. President Barack Obama approved \$105 million on Monday for humanitarian efforts in the Horn of Africa to combat worsening drought and famine. White House press secretary Jay Carney says the money will help provide food, shelter, water, and sanitation and health services to those in need. USAID administrator Raj Shah, who accompanied Biden, said hundreds of thousands of children could die from the famine. Shah said the world has a unique opportunity to save tens of thousands of children's lives by expanding humanitarian activities inside Somalia, though he noted that it would be a challenge for aid providers to get into al-Shabab-controlled south-central

Somalia.

Given the camp's proximity to the uncontrolled and sometimes dangerous Somali border, a well-armed security team, some car-

lion Somalis who need it, Mark Bowden, the U.N.'s top humanitarian official for Somalia, said on a visit to Mogadishu on Monday. The situation is better in

aid, he said. Still, camps in Mogadishu for displaced people are among the five declared famine zones in Somalia.

Transport and security are the two main problems, he said, and it is unclear what the effect will be of the withdrawal of Islamist insurgents from their bases in the capital on Saturday. The city is awash in gunmen and there have been several shootouts at aid distributions recently. At least 10 people have been killed.

"An absence of conflict does not mean that there is security here," he said. "There's always been factions and militias."

A senior U.S. official traveling with Biden said the U.S. believes it is too early to tell what al-Shabab's intentions are, but that the reported withdrawal could be a sign that more aid could soon reach those in need. □



Somali refugees carry their donated rations of food aid in the eastern Kenyan village of Hagadera near Dadaab, 100 kms (60 miles) from the Somali border, Monday, Aug. 8, 2011.

(AP Photo/Jerome Delay)

rying sniper rifles, had secured the camp where she visited.

More than 29,000 children under the age of 5 have died in the last 90 days in southern Somalia alone, according to U.S. estimates. The U.N. says 640,000 Somali children are acutely malnourished, suggesting the death toll of small children will rise.

The famine, Shah said, is the result of the a drought being superimposed on an environment where the government could not protect its own people.

More than 12 million people in the Horn of Africa are in need of immediate food aid, including nearly half of Somalia's population.

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Syria conflict descends into 'war of attrition'

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BEIRUT (AP) — Despite five months of blistering attacks on dissent, the Syrian regime has yet to score a decisive victory against a pro-democracy uprising determined to bring down the country's brutal dictatorship.

President Bashar Assad still has the military muscle to level pockets of resistance, but the conflict has robbed him of almost all international support.

Even Saudi Arabia this week called for an end to the bloodshed in Syria, the first of several Arab nations to join the growing chorus against Assad.

The Syrian leader is being watched carefully at home and abroad to see how long his iron regime — which is still strong but wobbling — will continue to use tanks, snipers and security forces on hundreds of thousands of fervent, overwhelmingly young protesters who keep coming back for more.

"Syria is not burying the revolution," said Nabil Bou Monsef, a senior analyst at the Arabic-language An-Nahar newspaper. "Protests are resuming everywhere, even in areas that were subject to crackdowns."

He added: "It is difficult for one of the sides to win. Syria has entered a war of attrition between the regime and the opposition."

There is little to stop Assad from calling upon the scorched-earth tactics that have kept his family in power for more than 40 years. A longtime pariah, Syria grew

en the quagmire in Libya and the lack of any strong opposition leader in Syria to rally behind. The U.S. and other nations have little power to threaten fur-

er.

International sanctions, some of which target Assad personally, have failed to persuade him to ease his crackdown. There had



Lebanese intellectuals and journalists hold up placards against the Syrian regime, during a vigil sit-in to show their support to the Syrian protesters who protest against the Syrian President Bashar Assad, at the Martyrs square, in downtown of Beirut, Lebanon, on Monday Aug. 8, 2011. Despite five months of blistering attacks on dissent, the Syrian regime has yet to score a decisive victory against a pro-democracy uprising determined to bring down the country's brutal dictatorship. President Bashar Assad still has the military muscle to level pockets of resistance, but the conflict has robbed him of almost all international support. The Arabic placard in the left read: "Not to silence in Lebanon".

(AP Photo/Hussein Malla)

accustomed to shrugging off the world's reproach long before the regime started shooting unarmed protesters five months ago. A military intervention has been all but ruled out, giv-

ther isolation or economic punishment of Assad's pro-Iranian regime — unlike in Egypt, where President Barack Obama was able to help usher longtime ally Hosni Mubarak out of pow-

been hopes, since dashed, that European Union sanctions would prove a humiliating personal blow to Assad, a 45-year-old eye doctor who trained in Britain. □

Venezuela rejects extradition request

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela's Supreme Court announced Monday that it has rejected a U.S. request for the extradition of a Venezuelan citizen who has been accused of sexually abusing several minors in the United States.

Former swim team coach Simon Daniel Chocron cannot be sent to the United States because Venezuela's Constitution and laws strictly prohibit the extradition of its citizens, the court said.

It said Chocron would face justice in Venezuela.

Chocron is accused of "obscene exhibition, lascivious acts, the sale or exhibition of pornographic material to minors and illegal sexual relations with minors" for acts committed at a school in Jacksonville, Florida, in 2000 and 2001, the court said.

Chocron jumped bail in 2001 while facing several charges of sexual battery against minors.

He was arrested in Spain in 2003, when Spanish officials, who discovered his active warrants and contacted Jacksonville police. The court's statement suggested Chocron is currently in Venezuela, although his whereabouts could not be immediately verified. □

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AP Interview:

Colombia's president riding high

FRANK BAJAK

Associated Press

PAIPA, Colombia (AP) —

Juan Manuel Santos is burdened by thorny challenges aplenty as he marks a year in office: sophisticated drug traffickers, criminal gangs marauding in the provinces, hit-and-run attacks by Latin America's last rebel army. What Colombia's president is relieved not to be facing is what his U.S. counterpart grapples with daily: a powerful opposition. All but token opposition has melted away as Santos forged an agenda that aims to ease the very inequalities that Colombia's leftist rebels cite as ideological justification for their half-century-old insurgency.

"Fortunately, I'm not in President Obama's position. I'm fortunate to have 95 percent of the Congress with me," Santos, his smile widening, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Even the party of the candidate defeated by Santos last year, the Greens, has joined the governing coalition. The media is solidly behind him, his approval ratings consistently top 70 percent and he has been a pragmatic, moderating influence on a continent where doctrinaire leftists have recently gained clout. Former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva even suggested while in Bogota last week that Santos was assuming the mantle of a continental leader.

Asked about the compliment, Santos said he appreciated it, but added, "I don't consider myself a regional leader." Nonetheless, Santos said during the weekend interview at this hot springs resort a few hours north of Bogota that this long-suffering nation of 46 million people is at a special moment.

"They say the stars are

aligning over Colombia," said Santos, whose 60th birthday is Wednesday. "It's necessary to take advantage of the situation."



Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos gestures during an interview with The Associated Press in Paipa, some 50 miles north of Bogota, Colombia.

(AP Photo/Felipe Caicedo)

Santos has faced plenty of tough calls over three decades in Colombia's political trenches.

Hailing from a prominent

Bogota political clan, he is the grandnephew of a Depression-era president who was also a social liberal. After stints at the newspa-

per El Tiempo, which was until recently run by his family, and the national coffee federation, Santos was Colombia's first foreign trade minister. He later was defense minister for his hard-line predecessor Alvaro Uribe. On Santos' defense watch, record desertions plagued the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, and in a spectacular rescue 15 FARC-held hostages including Ingrid Betancourt and three U.S. military contractors won freedom. His tenure was marred, however, by a scandal that broke in late 2008 over extrajudicial killings of hundreds of civilians by security force members. It prompted the immediate dismissal of 20 officers, including three generals. More than 360 soldiers have since been convicted in killings in which slain civilians were sometimes dressed up as rebels to boost enemy body counts. □

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Marlboro, Vermont:

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VIVIEN SCHWEITZER

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MARLBORO, Vt. – On a recent Saturday evening at Marlboro College here, the dining room resembled that of a rambunctious boarding school, as scruffily dressed musicians of all ages energetically tossed paper napkin balls at one another across long tables. That informality belied a disciplined intensity between mealtimes, when rising stars and prominent performers practice chamber music together in the white clapboard buildings that dot this bucolic campus. Those rehearsals are a key component of the Marlboro Music School and Festival, celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. Gazing through a library window at the wooded hills that surround the campus, the pianist Richard Goode said that Marlboro's basic premise had remained the same since its founding by the pianist Rudolf Serkin and other prominent European musicians. The process of exploration has always been more important here than in formal concerts, he said. Exceptional young performers (who audition for the few spaces available each year) are paired with established players and allowed unlimited time



The sign tells the story: at The Marlboro Music Festival, held at Marlboro College in Vermont every summer, has musicians at play.

over a seven-week period to work on chamber repertory of their choosing. "If people want to spend 60 hours on a six-minute Webern piece, they can do it here," said Goode, a co-artistic director with the pianist Mitsuko Uchida (who was not present last weekend). This "luxury of time" – almost unheard of in a world where musicians shuttle from gig to gig, with minimal hours to rehearse – is a Marlboro mantra, enthusiastically touted by the resident musicians. Each participant suggests pieces, and as many as possible are accommodated. Only a handful of the works rehearsed (for three to seven weeks each) are

based on feedback from the musicians, diversity of programming and the aim of giving all participants a chance to perform. The concert lineup last weekend (chosen from the 220 works by 76 composers studied this summer) included a poignant interpretation of Handel's "No, di voi non vo' fidarmi" on Sunday afternoon. The pianist Lydia Brown sensitively accompanied the soprano Sarah Shafer and the mezzo-soprano Jennifer Johnson Cano, whose luminous voices combined to potent

take as long as they need to mature and grow, and there is never a deadline." Johnson Cano said her "senses are sharper," adding that her "ears have become more keenly attuned to working inside a given musical texture." "That serves you," she continued, "when you have to do something on short notice outside Marlboro." Singers, she said, also "learn how to talk to instrumentalists."

Both women said it was initially intimidating to work with their musical idols, but they quickly overcame their apprehension in the collegial, egalitarian atmosphere. Everyone participates in dining hall duties; the young performers spoke of being startled to have famous musicians serving them drinks at dinner. Other Marlboro ice-breakers include a square dance and pranks that over the years have included releasing frogs into the women's dormitory, filling an administrator's office waist-high with popcorn and putting furniture on the roof. Those pranks are listed in detail on a message board in the coffee shop, where the musicians hang out late into the night. Participants are lavish in their praise of the Marlboro process; good-natured griping concerned the lack of real Vermont maple syrup in the kitchen and the need for performers to purchase CDs of their concerts themselves. Goode, who first came to Marlboro in 1958 at age 15, described the atmosphere as "freer" and more welcoming than in the very early days. □



From left: Michael Brown, Caroline Goulding, Emilie-Anne Gendron, Brook Speltz, Sally Chisholm and Moran Katz perform at the Marlboro Music School and Festival at Marlboro College in Marlboro, Vt. Aug. 7, 2011. The festival had its 60th anniversary this year.

(Stewart Cairns/The New York Times)

performed; a committee meets regularly to select repertory for the public concerts on weekends,

effect.

According to Brown, who is on the staff of the Metropolitan Opera, "pieces

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Participants compete in different classes: the small 'optimists', windsurfers and kitesurfers, sunfish and beachcats but also large sailing yachts from Aruba and from abroad have registered. The regatta will not only be a great competition for the sailors, on Eagle Beach there will also be a lot going on.

As of this year, Aruba Beach Tennis organizes its ranking tournament at the regatta location at Eagle Beach. In the evenings there will be live performances, DJ's, parties, beach tennis and kitesurf shows.

Main sponsor Café Rembrandt will take care of the catering from 10 am. On Friday 12, the traditional 'Around Aruba' race will be sailed.

In this race, that starts at 8 am, the yachts battle for

the Mount Gay Challenge Cup that is awarded for the fastest yacht. The first yachts will finish around 1 pm, last year the last yacht finished at 9.30pm.

In the evening the regatta will be opened and the awards for the Around Aruba Race will be given. On Saturday 13, 16 sailing competitions and the beach tennis competition will take place between 9:30am and 5 pm. After the competition there will be the Polar Happy Hour, a live performance by Acoustic Soul and, weather permitting, kite surfing demonstrations.

The Sunday program will be similar, spectacular races, great beach tennis, and of course the relaxed atmosphere of the regatta village.

In the evening the regatta will be closed with the awards ceremony in which the Budget Marine Overall Cup will be awarded and the closing dinner for participants, sponsors and volunteers. The success of the Aruba Rembrandt Regatta, the



Tranquilo from Aruba with captain Anthony Haeghedoorn

largest sailing event of Aruba, demonstrates that the Aruban sailing sport is growing.

The initiative of SYWA, training the youngest in optimists, the regular competitions of the Sunfish Club, Beach Cats, windsurfers and kitesurfers culminate in this annual event.

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About 40 volunteers, amongst which Boatplatoon Carib of the Dutch Marines, make it all possible. The racing courses of the sailing competition have been designed so that

spectators can follow the thrill of the races from the shadow of the tents in the regatta village.

Participants can register on Thursday August 11, between 4 pm and 7 pm, in Café Rembrandt. For the full program, visit the website <http://aruba-regatta.com>. □

MooMba Beach trembled as Tsunami's magic was unleashed

HADICURARI - Tsunami, an aptly named, very popular local salsa band, made MooMba Beach tremble last Sunday evening. The earth moved, certainly for the many faithful fans of the band, and more and more people showed up to dance, let their bods tune in to the rhythm and hang out.

Tsunami started playing at 6.30 pm, but the bar area was filled to the max long before the first enticing sounds were heard. At 10 pm, when DJ Diablo took over, more than 1000 people were enjoying themselves and they stayed to sway.

House DJ Diablo took his audience over from Tsunami and kept them in thrall, as he does every Sunday evening. It was a party to remember.. For those who missed the fun: Tsunami will be in the replay at MooMba Beach on September 4 and November 13. For more information one can surf to MooMba's Facebook page and event calendar. □



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PALM BEACH -- The mega Domino Tournament hosted by the food court is now in its third running week. A great number of local teams signed up for the six-week event, and at the end of the first round, the D.D. Brakes Team triumphed over the Biba Lekker Team while the Friendly Team beat the Red Stones Team.

The following week, during the second round of competition the Cruz Azul Team pounded the PeCoHu Team while the Hut Stones Team thumped the Bon Bini Cargo Team.

This upcoming Wednesday, on August 10, four finalist teams will be battling for a spot at the top, and during the following fourth week, the semi-finals will be played, before striking gold at the finals.

The Mega Domino Tournament, with organizer Roy Quandus, is inviting the general public to attend the event and check out the island's best Domino players waging war for the ultimate trophy sponsored by the Aruba Trading Company and Level 5 Scotch Whiskey.

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Clown Doctors say 'Masha Danki' to Ling & Sons IGA



ORANJESTAD - The Clown Doctors of Aruba received a whopping donation from Ling & Sons IGA supermarket at the end of their fantastic Kids Day last Sunday. The afternoon was filled with excitement for children of all ages, with dance contests, games, demonstrations and information and

the entire parking lot of the popular supermarket was filled to the max. At the end of the festivities the Clown Doctors of Aruba received a check of AWG. 1000,-; the foundation had been selected because it brings happiness and smiles to children who are less fortunate. The clowns were handing

out balloons during the fun afternoon at Ling & Sons and they tried their hand at a few of the games as well, but the final part of the Kids Day was what brought them most joy: the amount will see to it that they will be able to bring lots of smiles to sad faces for quite a while to come. □



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Barracudas synchronized swimming club of Aruba tryouts

PALM BEACH, ARUBA - On Saturday August 20th and on Saturday August 27th the Barracudas Synchronized Swimming Club will have swimming tests for all girls who wish to join during the new season which starts the first week in September. These tests will be held between 8:00am and 10:00am on both days.

The Barracudas Synchronized Swimming Club was founded in 1975 and houses multiple top performing teams in synchronized swimming, consisting of girls (only) ranging in age from 6 years to 18 years of age.

The Barracudas are the only synchronized swimming club in Aruba, and they are well known throughout the Caribbean as one of the strongest performers in the region!

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You must be in the possession of swimming diploma B, and if you like music, swimming, stretching and exercise, this might be just the sport for you!

For more information, please contact the Barracudas Synchronized Swimming Club at email Barracudas1974@yahoo.com or contact Louella Brezovar at 587-3527 between 7:00pm and 8:30pm. □



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Yankees fall to Red Sox in 10, drop into 2nd

Boston Red Sox's J.D. Drew (7) and David Ortiz, center, celebrate with Josh Reddick, right, after Reddick's game-winning RBI single in the tenth inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees in Boston, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011.

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Ravens, RB Ricky Williams agree to deal

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — The Baltimore Ravens have signed veteran running back Ricky Williams to replace Willis McGahee, who they let go days before training camp. Williams agreed to a two-year deal, the team announced on Monday. The former Heisman Trophy player last season with the Miami Dolphins and if everything goes well with his physical on Tuesday, Williams will work in tandem with Ray Rice. "He's a veteran that brings a lot of leadership," Rice said. "I'm looking to learn a lot from him. I'm looking forward to working with him." A former Pro Bowler, Williams rushed for a career-high 1,853 yards to lead the league in 2002. He's an awesome player," quarterback Joe Flacco said. "He's a legit player." Last season, Williams, 34, split time with Ronnie Brown in Miami and averaged 4.2 yards per carry. He gained 673 yards and scored two touchdowns. Williams has rushed for 9,569 career yards and 68 touchdowns, recording 325 receptions for 2,523 yards and eight touchdowns. "It gives us a proven playmaker, an outstanding runner, an outstanding receiver and an outstanding pass protector," offensive coordinator Cam Cameron said. □

CROUCHING TIGER

Still acting like the Old Tiger

Tiger Woods looks over an eagle putt on the second hole during the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011.

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Still acting like the old Tiger in a new world



Tiger Woods smiles during his news conference at the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011.

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DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

JOHNS CREEK, Georgia (AP)

— Tiger Woods stepped from behind a microphone, thankful to be done with a short interview that felt like an intrusion. He took 23 questions, most of them about his golf, a few others about his left leg, then walked off without looking at anyone.

"That's why you guys listen," he muttered under his breath, "and I play."

He was as dismissive as

ever, another example of how much has changed in his world, and how little he realizes it.

He is not the Tiger Woods he once was.

Such bravado used to be accepted from Woods because he always backed it up.

On the golf course, he set an unparalleled standard of excellence. Starting Thursday, he'll compete in the PGA Championship without having won anything in nearly two years.

His agent said he once rejected 100 emails a day from companies wanting to get involved with the world's most famous athlete. In the 16 months since Woods returned from a sex scandal, he still doesn't have a corporate logo on his golf bag. His only new endorsement is a Japanese heat rub.

One thing that still looks the same is that red shirt on Sunday, yet even that has lost some of its meaning.

"That's his trademark," Graeme McDowell said. "Really, I think that's all it is right now. What it means to him is obviously a different thing. What it means to the rest of us ... it's not really something to be intimidated by anymore."

McDowell, who won the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach last summer, still considers Woods to be a special player. But after more than a year of finishing in the middle of the pack, or finishing the final round before the leaders even tee off, or not even playing because of recurring injuries to his left leg, Woods is more like just another player in the field.

No. 1 in the world a year ago, he's now No. 30.

"Mystique is not something that's measurable," McDowell said. "It's when you stand on the tee box with him and you get the feeling you're in the presence of greatness. When someone shows themselves as flawed and human ... what Tiger was doing all for years and years was superhuman. He was imposing himself on players just by being there."

"Until he starts winning again, he's not going to get that back."

Some things haven't changed. Woods still draws the biggest crowds, tournaments sell more tickets and golf is more interesting when he plays. Among his peers, he has always been popular because of the way he plays golf and because the TV interest he created made them all rich. They love having him as a teammate at the Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup. He is one of the guys that week.

But do they really know him?

Did they ever?

Mark O'Meara was his best friend, more like a big brother, for many years until O'Meara remarried and moved to Houston. They talk sporadically and see each other even less. Woods remains close to Notah Begay, who rarely plays on tour these days. He plays practice rounds with Arjun Atwal, another member at Isleworth Country Club, outside Orlando. Stewart Cink was among his biggest supporters when Woods first was exposed for cheating on his wife after Thanksgiving 2009. They have been playing golf since they were juniors and joined the PGA Tour about the same time. Cink once told a story of how his mother went back onto the course after his round because she wanted to watch Woods play.

"I don't feel like I know him as well as I used to," Cink said. "I never knew him that well, but now I feel like I hardly know him at all. I wouldn't say that's a big difference. I think he may be gun shy about getting close to people, either his fellow competitors like me, caddies, the media. He's a really private guy."

But once you get to know him, he's really good to be around.

"He's not out here to be social. That's not his goal," Cink said. "He has a big sheet of goals to accomplish. His social life is not his No. 1 priority, nor should it be."

Now that Woods has moved into his new home in south Florida, he has practiced on occasion at the Bear's Club, home of Jack Nicklaus. Robert Allenby saw him there two weeks ago and said he felt Woods seemed more at ease with his life. At tournaments, he sees no change. "We see him come out and practice, play and get out of here," Allenby said. "He's always been a big one to save his energy for the tournaments. But that's the beauty of Tiger. A lot of stuff has happened in his life. When it comes to his golf, he still tried to keep that the same. □"

Steve Williams' victory dance draws mixed reaction

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AP National Writer

JOHNS CREEK, Georgia (AP)

— Tiger Woods' former caddie drew a mixed reaction to the way he gloated over his new boss' first victory with him on the bag. Some understood Steve Williams' frustration after being dumped by Woods. Others thought the caddie went overboard in his comments to the media, taking attention away from the guy who actually won the World Golf Championship at Firestone, Adam Scott.

The crowd chanted Williams' name as he walked up to the 18th green with Scott, who pulled away for a four-stroke victory. Afterward, Williams gave an interview that was nearly twice as long as the Aussie's, calling it "the best win I've ever had" — remember, he caddied for 13 of Woods' major titles — and making it clear he felt his



Adam Scott, right, from Australia, laughs with his caddie, Steve Williams, on the 16th tee during the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011.

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ex-boss had treated him unfairly.

Steve Stricker said Monday that Williams was clearly upset and eager to let his feelings out after the acrimonious split.

"I'm not going to say if he went overboard or not,"

Stricker said after a practice round for the final major of the year, the PGA Championship at Atlanta Athletic Club. "It's just too bad their relationship had to end like that."

A pair of English golfers, who weren't at Firestone but

watched the tournament on television, both went on Twitter to take shots at Williams.

"Cannot believe they have interviewed Steve Williams. Nice of him to take away from Scotty's win. Says it all," Chris Wood wrote.

Oliver Wilson chimed in, "Steve Williams taken all the attention off Adam Scott's fantastic win! Played great and nobody is talking about him this morning!!!" He added a hash tag to his tweet with the word "shameful."

Stricker was more diplomatic.

"This is all media driven. The media is looking for a story here," he said. "I don't know the whole situation. I've heard two different stories, and I don't know which one is the real story. But, obviously, he was upset to the point that he said what he did in front of everybody. □"

Wawrinka tops Nalbandian at Rogers Cup in Montreal

MONTREAL (AP) — Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka beat Argentina's David Nalbandian 6-1, 6-4 Monday in the first round of the Rogers Cup. The 14th-seeded Wawrinka will next play American qualifier Michael Russell or Spain's Albert Montanes. Also scheduled to play Monday are No. 13 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France and No. 16 Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina. The top eight seeded players drew first-round byes. In other matches, Kevin Anderson of South Africa beat Spain's Pablo Andujar 6-4, 6-4; Ernests Gulbis of Latvia defeated Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; and Brazil's Thomaz Bellucci also advanced with a 7-5, 7-6 (5) win over Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan. Ivo Karlovic of Croatia edged Juan Monaco of Argentina 6-7 (2), 6-3, 7-6 (5); Russia's Alex Bogomolov beat France's Adrian Panatta, 6-2, 7-6 (4); Croatia's Ivan Dodig beat Jeremy Chardy of France, 6-3, 6-4; and Marin Cilic of Croatia defeated Italy's Andreas Seppi 7-5, 6-4.



Stanislas Wawrinka from Switzerland returns the ball to David Nalbandian from Argentina during their first round match at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto, Monday, Aug. 8, 2011.

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was working," Bartoli said. "I tried my hardest but I committed so many mistakes it was hard to win. I was late on everything and committing a lot mistakes, especially on my backhand." Bartoli was making her eighth appearance at the Rogers Cup and first since a first-round defeat in 2009 when she lost to Ukraine's Alona Bondarenko. "Something is not going well for me here in Toronto," Bartoli said. "I don't know if it is the surface or the humidity or something, but it's been a two-year gap and it's the same kind of match." Romanian Simona Halep — another qualifier — rallied for a 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 upset win over 12th-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova, who had 50 unforced errors. □

In an evening ceremony, Jimmy Connors is to be inducted into the Rogers Cup Hall of Fame.

Voskoboeva beats Bartoli in Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — Qualifier Galina Voskoboeva of Kazakhstan beat No. 9 seed Marion Bartoli of France

6-3, 6-3 Monday in the first round of the Rogers Cup. Bartoli struggled with her serve throughout the match, giving away four double-faults, while Voskoboeva capitalized on her opportunities by winning four of her six break points. "It was a day when nothing

Blackhawks add grit, experience

CHICAGO (AP) — Daniel Carcillo is ready to stir it up in Chicago.

The Blackhawks signed Carcillo, one of the NHL's best-known agitators, to a one-year \$775,000 free-agent contract July 1. The 26-year-old forward was introduced to media Monday, along with fellow free-agent acquisition Andrew Brunette.

After winning the Stanley Cup in 2010, the Blackhawks often lacked assertiveness and fire last season, limping into the playoffs on the last day of the season.

"I think the team lost some of their grit," said Carcillo, who will miss the first two games this season after confronting officials during the playoffs with the Philadelphia Flyers. "The way I play, it's tough to stay out of the principal's office.

I'm going to miss a few games every year," he said. "But I know what to do and what not to do. I know when to fight and I know when not to fight. I can sense when guys need a pick-me-up with a hit or to turn the energy in a game."

Carcillo, who played for Philadelphia in the 2010 Stanley Cup Finals against Chicago, already is considering tactics for Vancouver, the Blackhawks' most bitter rival. The Canucks eliminated Chicago in a seven-game opening-round playoff series last April.

"I watched that series," Carcillo said. "I'm actually pretty excited to play them be-

cause there are a few guys who played a little bit outside of their shoes. I think I can keep most of those guys in check when we play them this year."

Carcillo, Jamal Mayers and Steve Montador — a solid defenseman — all are expected to add toughness to keep opponents off-balance.

And Brunette will provide a stable veteran presence for a young Chicago team.

The 37-year-old is expected to play on one of the Blackhawks' top two lines with stars such as Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane, Patrick Sharp and Marian Hossa. He said he'll be able to mesh with the Blackhawks' top offensive producers even though he's not the league's fastest skater.

"You don't have to have the best speed to be able to get in place to score," Brunette said. "The one good thing for me is it's tough to lose a step as you get older if you never really had it."

The move also has reunited him with Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville. Brunette had 18 goals and 26 assists with Minnesota last season but enjoyed his most productive offensive run under Quenneville in Colorado from 2005 to 2008.

"It will be a nice change to be back with Joel," said Brunette, who signed a two-year deal that pays \$2 million annually. "I had some of the best years of my career in Colorado." □

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Boston Red Sox's Josh Reddick raises his fist after hitting the winning RBI single in the tenth inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees in Boston, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011.

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AL Roundup

Red Sox rally, beat Yankees in 10, take East lead

BOSTON (AP) — Josh Reddick hit a game-ending RBI single in the 10th inning as the Boston Red Sox beat the New York Yankees 3-2 on Sunday.

With the win, the Red Sox took over sole possession of first place in the American League East and clinched a win in the season series against New York for the first time since 2004.

The Yankees led 2-1 on homers by Eduardo Nunez and Brett Gardner before Mariano Rivera came in to close it out in the ninth. But he gave up a leadoff double to Marco Scutaro — his fourth hit of the game.

Jacoby Ellsbury moved him up with a sacrifice — and almost beat the throw at first — and Dustin Pedroia brought him home on a sacrifice fly.

White Sox 7, Twins 0

At Minneapolis, Jake Peavy pitched eight crisp innings to win for the first time in more than six weeks as Chicago swept a three-game

series in Minnesota for the first time in more than seven years.

Brent Lillibridge, Paul Konerko, Alexei Ramirez and Alex Rios homered for the White Sox, who had lost 29 of 36 games to Minnesota until winning three straight at Target Field this weekend. The backsliding Twins have lost seven of their last eight games overall.

Peavy (5-5) last picked up a victory by pitching four shutout innings in his first career relief appearance, June 25 against the Washington Nationals, three days after he beat the crosstown rival Cubs with a so-so start.

Rangers 5, Indians 3

At Arlington, Texas, Elvis Andrus hit a go-ahead two-run single in Texas' five-run eighth. Josh Tomlin shut out the Rangers over seven innings, but the 25-year-old right-hander walked Mike Napoli leading off the eighth and gave up a single to Mitch Moreland, his final batter.

Sidearm right-hander Joe Smith (2-3) came in, giving up an infield single to Yorvit Torrealba to load the bases.

David Murphy delivered an RBI single to make it 3-1, and Smith walked Ian Kinsler to force in a run. Andrus followed with his two-run single to center.

Darren Oliver (4-5) got two outs for the win. Mike Adams threw a perfect ninth for his first AL save.

Michael Brantley homered and drove in two runs for the Indians.

Royals 4, Tigers 3

At Kansas City, Missouri, Johnny Giavotella hit his first major league home run and doubled to lead Kansas City over Detroit.

Giavotella, promoted Friday after hitting .338 in 110 games with Triple-A Omaha, is 5 for 11 in his first three games.

Giavotella led off a three-run fourth with a double and hit a solo home run in

the fifth.

Bruce Chen (6-5) left in the sixth after a 46-minute rain delay. He gave up three runs and five hits, striking out five without a walk.

Blue Jays 7, Orioles 2

At Baltimore, Ricky Romero pitched eight innings of four-hit ball and Brett Lawrie hit his first major league homer as Toronto downed Baltimore.

John McDonald had three hits and two RBIs for the Blue Jays, who took two of three from the Orioles and have won seven of 11 overall.

Romero (10-9) struck out five and walked none to win his third straight start, a streak that began on July 27 with a victory over Baltimore. The only runs the left-hander allowed were on solo homers by Mark Reynolds.

Romero is 6-1 in his last eight starts against Baltimore.

Athletics 5, Rays 4,

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Josh Willingham led off the 10th inning with a home run as Oakland edged Tampa Bay. Willingham lined a pitch from Jake McGee (0-1) into the left field stands for his 17th homer this season. Fautino De Los Santos (1-0) threw a scoreless ninth to pick up his first major league win and Andrew Bailey allowed two singles in the 10th before getting his 13th save.

Hideki Matsui also homered for Oakland, which stopped a stretch of 12 consecutive non-winning road series by taking two of three from the Rays.

Tampa Bay got homers from Casey Kotchman and Evan Longoria.

David DeJesus scored the go-ahead run in the fifth on J.P. Howell's wild pitch.

In other AL games it was Toronto 7, Baltimore 2; Oakland 5, Tampa Bay 4, 10 innings; Chicago White Sox 7, Minnesota 0; Kansas City 4, Detroit 3; L.A. Angels 2, Seattle 1; Texas 5, Cleveland 3; and Boston 3, N.Y. Yankees 2, 10 innings. □

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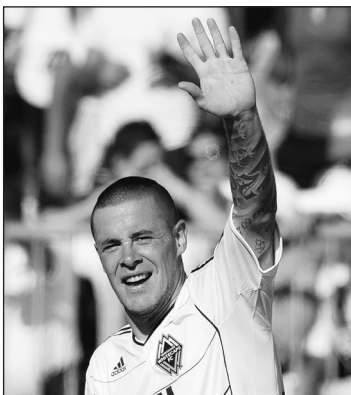
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Whitecaps beat Fire 4- 2

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Eric Hassli scored either side of halftime as the Vancouver Whitecaps defeated the Chicago Fire 4-2 in a battle of last-placed Major League Soccer teams Sunday. Hassli scored in the opening minute then drove home a rebound off a Camilo free kick in the 71st. Gershon Koffie scored his first MLS goal and Camilo added his seventh of the season for Vancouver. Koffie's goal in the 24th minute put the Whitecaps back in front after Dominic Oduro leveled it 1-1. Orr Barouch also scored for Chicago. Vancouver's third victory of the season ended a six-game winless streak dating to June 18, while Chicago has two losses and six draws in its last eight games, last having won June 12. The Whitecaps are last in the Western Conference, while the Fire are at bottom in the Eastern Conference. □



Vancouver Whitecaps' Eric Hassli waves to the crowd after scoring his second goal against the Chicago Fire, during the second half of an MLS soccer game in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011.

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Venus Williams withdraws from Rogers Cup

TORONTO (AP) — Venus Williams has withdrawn from the Rogers Cup due to an illness. Williams says she wasn't feeling well so she went to see the doctor Sunday. She was diagnosed with a viral illness and says she is "extremely disappointed" she won't be able to play in Toronto. Qualifier Zhang Shuai steps into Williams' first-round match Tuesday against Ana Ivanovic. Lourdes Dominguez Lino got the extra spot in the draw. The strong Rogers Cup field still includes Williams' sister, Serena, and Caroline Wozniacki, Maria Sharapova and Kim Clijsters. □

2nd participant of NYC triathlon dies

NEW YORK (AP) — A 40-year-old woman who experienced difficulty during the swimming portion of the Nautica New York City Triathlon has died. Her death on Monday comes a day after a 64-year-old participant died in the race. Race director Bill Burke confirmed that the Elmhurst, Illinois, woman died Monday morning. He says she was believed to have gone into cardiac arrest twice after Sunday's swim. Her name wasn't released at the request of her family. Michael Kudryk, of Freehold, New Jersey, died after he was pulled out of the Hudson River unconscious. Police say he was believed to have suffered a heart attack. □

Paterno in hospital after player runs into him

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)

— Joe Paterno was hospitalized and undergoing tests on his right arm and hip after a player ran into the 84-year-old coach during practice.

Paterno was admitted Sunday evening to Mount Nittany Medical Center after he walked away from the collision with a receiver, the school said Monday. Receiver Devon Smith was running a drill when he blindsided the Hall of Fame coach.

"I expect to be back at practice soon," Paterno said in a statement. "I'm doing fine; tell everyone not to worry about me." Dr. Wayne Sebastianelli, Penn State director of athletic medicine, said it doesn't appear surgery will be required.

The school said Paterno could be released in the next 24 hours.

Paterno conducted Monday morning's coaches meeting by phone from the hospital, according to Penn State.

Assistant coaches will be running practice while Paterno is gone and it was unclear how long that would be, athletic department spokesman Jeff Nelson said in an email.

Practice resumed Monday as scheduled, with the team in full pads for the first time this summer.

Football media day, originally scheduled for Thursday, was postponed.

Paterno is entering his 46th season as Penn State's head coach and is the winningest coach in the history of major college football with 401 victories. □



This July 28, 2011, file photo shows Penn State head coach Joe Paterno talking to reporters during Big Ten football media day, in Chicago. Penn State says coach Paterno is undergoing medical tests on his right arm and hip at a hospital after a player ran into him during practice on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011.

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Dr. Bernadine P. Healy, former Red Cross and NIH leader, dies

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Dr. Bernadine P. Healy, the first woman to lead the National Institutes of Health and the first physician to lead the American Red Cross until she was forced out in a storm of criticism over flawed responses to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, died Saturday at her home in Gates Mills, Ohio. She was 67.

The cause was recurring brain cancer, which she had battled for 13 years, her husband, Dr. Floyd D. Loop, said.

In a hybrid career in the largely male domains of medicine and government, Healy — a cardiologist and feminist — was a professor at Johns Hopkins University, dean of the Ohio State University medical school, a White House science adviser and president of the American Heart Association. She wrote scientific papers and magazine columns, and once ran for the U.S. Senate.

But she was best known as a tough, innovative administrator who, as director of the National Institutes of Health from 1991 to 1993, championed studies that overturned false assumptions about women's health. And as president of the American Red Cross from 1999 to 2001, she struggled to coordinate its complex, often contradictory missions of humanitarian disaster relief and the businesslike maintenance of blood supplies.

Healy's curriculum vitae was a compendium of academic and professional achievements that in its cold detail omitted a central fact: her relentless attack on the misperception that heart attacks were men's problems. Heart disease was by far the leading killer of women in the U.S., who accounted for nearly 40 percent of its victims. Women's groups had long sought a greater focus on women's coronary health, cancers and the role of hormonal changes and therapy.

Healy, who had pushed similar concerns within cardiology, went to Washington and made the issue her own. "The problem is to convince both the lay and medical sectors that coronary heart disease is also a women's disease,



Dr. Bernadine P. Healy, the first woman to lead the National Institutes of Health and the first physician to lead the American Red Cross until she was forced out in a storm of criticism over flawed responses to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, died Saturday at her home in Gates Mills, Ohio. She was 67.

not a man's disease in disguise," Healy wrote in The New England Journal of Medicine in 1991. At the institutes of health, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and America's largest medical research and research-financing organization, Healy, a Republican appointed by President George H. W. Bush, inherited a sprawling agency of 15,000 people beset by bureaucratic infighting, political interference and declining morale. It had gone without a director for two years. "I am willing to go out on a limb, shake the tree and even take a few bruises," she told reporters. "I'm not particularly concerned about being popular."

Healy cracked the whip on bureaucrats, recruited new talent, expanded the Human Genome Project and reversed policies that, like the medical establishment, had focused largely on men's health and virtually excluded women from

clinical trials. She mandated the inclusion of women in trials wherever appropriate.

She began the Women's Health Initiative, a \$625 million study of the causes, prevention and treatment of cardiovascular diseases, osteoporosis and cancer in middle-aged and older women. Long after her tenure, it continued yielding important findings. In 2002, it found that prolonged combined estrogen and progestin hormone replacement therapy in postmenopausal women increased risks of breast cancer, stroke and heart attacks.

"Dr. Healy's stubborn insistence that the NIH concern itself with women's health was not broadly supported at the time," Anne M. Dranginis, an associate professor of biological sciences at St. John's University, wrote in a 2002 Op-Ed article in The New York Times. "Had Dr. Healy not championed research on women's health, how much longer would healthy women have been encouraged to take hormone drugs?"

Healy stepped down when President Bill Clinton named a new NIH director in 1993. Foes in Congress like Rep. John D. Dingell, a Michigan Democrat with whom she had clashed over issues of cooperation with oversight inquiries and scientific integrity in the NIH, were not sorry to see her go.

But Joan H. Marks, director of the Sarah Lawrence College Graduate Health Programs who had been named to an advisory committee created by Healy on the Women's Health Initiative, told The Times: "I'm impressed with what Dr. Healy has been able to accomplish in the short time she has been in this position. She has been a very persuasive voice, able to focus attention on these women's health issues."

Six years later, Healy faced even more daunting challenges at the Red Cross. □

Health Briefs

Pediatricians:

Sports in heat OK with precautions

CHICAGO (AP) — Playing sports in hot, steamy weather is safe for healthy children and teen athletes, so long as precautions are taken and the drive to win doesn't trump common sense, top U.S. pediatricians say. New guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics on Monday come just as school sports ramp up in sultry August temperatures and a week after two Georgia high school football players died following practices in 90-plus degree heat.

Authorities were investigating if the weather contributed to those deaths. The guidelines replace a more restrictive policy based on old thinking that kids were more vulnerable to heat stress than adults. New research shows that's not true, the academy says. With adequate training, water intake, time-outs and emergency treatment available on the sidelines, healthy young athletes can play even in high heat and humidity — within reason, the guidelines say. □

Russia fully lifts EU vegetable ban

MOSCOW (AP) — Officials say Russia is lifting a ban on vegetable imports from five EU countries, imposed in early June to stem an E. coli outbreak. The country's consumer rights watchdog said in a statement Monday that it would allow the import of raw vegetables from Germany, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovenia starting Tuesday. Export-

ers from other EU nations had earlier been granted exemption from the ban. The E. coli outbreak killed 52 people — including 50 in Germany and one each in Sweden and the United States — and sickened more than 4,300. EU countries last year accounted for nearly a quarter of all Russian vegetable imports, or 620,000 tons, Russian authorities said. □

Arizona to shutter 'cannabis clubs'

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona's attorney general is trying to shut down four clubs that he says have been illegally providing medical marijuana to patients with cancer and other diseases.

Tom Horne's action filed Monday in Maricopa County Superior Court seeks to stop so-called cannabis clubs from giving marijuana to patients for a "membership fee." Horne says it's illegal under Arizona's medical marijuana law to exchange

marijuana for money, even if they're approved patients. Patients are allowed to grow their own pot. Arizona's recently passed medical marijuana law is in disarray after Horne sued the federal government in May to find out whether state regulators could face prosecution. That action essentially put the medical marijuana law on hold, although the state still is handing out medical marijuana cards to patients with qualifying diseases. □

In Oregon:

1 dead from E. coli outbreak

OREGON - Health officials say one person has died and at least nine others were made sick from an E. coli outbreak traced to fresh strawberries picked at a farm in northwestern Oregon. The Oregon Public Health Authority identified the source of the outbreak Monday as the

Jaquith Strawberry Farm in Newburg, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) southwest of Portland. Four people have been hospitalized. Dr. Paul Cieslak says the source of the bacteria is likely fecal material from a deer and the farm does not appear to have done anything wrong. □

Technology Briefs

RIAA names Cary Sherman CEO

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cary Sherman has been named chairman and CEO of the music industry's trade group, the Recording Industry Association of America.

Sherman, who is 63, takes the role on Sept. 1. Sherman succeeds Mitch Bainwol, who has resigned to become chief executive of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers. Sherman joined the RIAA as general counsel in 1997 and has served as president of the organization since 2001.

The RIAA represents recording labels including Sony Corp.'s Sony Music Entertainment, EMI Group Ltd., Vivendi SA's Universal Music Group and Warner Music Group.

Sherman takes over the organization as online services such as Apple's iTunes and Pandora are driving profound changes in the way consumers listen to and purchase music. □

FAA probing News Corp.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With the newsgathering techniques of its sister publications in Britain under fire, News Corp. is facing a probe into the use of drones by its U.S.-based digital publication, The Daily.

Federal Administration Aviation spokeswoman Laura Brown says her agency is investigating whether The Daily's use of "unmanned aerial systems" violates FAA regulations.

Commercial operators typically need a certificate in order to fly the unmanned aircraft, especially in populated areas.

The Daily's blog shows it used drones to capture aerial footage of floodwaters in North Dakota and Mississippi in May and June.

The Daily spokeswoman Jenny Tartikoff said "we are not commenting on our newsgathering." □

IBM unplugs U of I supercomputer

CHAMPAIGN, Illinois (AP) — IBM Corp. is leaving a project at the University of Illinois to build the world's fastest supercomputer.

The university's National Center for Supercomputing Applications and IBM said in a brief statement Monday that IBM terminated its contract. IBM said the computer had grown more expensive and technically demanding than anticipated.

The NCSA said it still plans to pursue a petascale computer in what it called "timely manner" and is working with the National Science Foundation. Petascale refers to the speed of the computer and means it could perform a thousand trillion mathematical operations a second.

IBM was chosen in 2007 to build Blue Waters. The computer was initially due to go online this year. □

Kids and hackers, oh my! DefCon adds kids track



Hackers try to solve a giant mosaic floor puzzle at the hacker conference DefCon Friday, Aug. 5, 2011, in Las Vegas.

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — Fewer things seem out of place at the rough-hewn DefCon hacker convention than a swarm of kids. For 18 years, hackers — and the computer security experts who track them — have gathered at DefCon, one of the largest and longest-running conferences of its kind, to share information about breaching and securing computers and other devices.

This year's DefCon featured what some hardcore attendees might consider to be a startling sight: children. For the first time, DefCon included discussions and tutorials for budding hackers, ages 8 to 16. Some 60 kids showed up. Over two days, they met prominent hackers, Homeland Security officials and NSA security experts. They also listened to talks on the history of hacking and lectures on cryptography. Some of the convention's hotly contested competitions were geared toward children, as well. One contest covered lock-picking techniques to be used in the event they forget their locker combination. The kids were encouraged to find security vulnerabilities in popular technologies, from video games to computer hardware.

Children were required to have a parent with them. Many parents who brought their kids are longtime DefCon attendees who said they were excited about the bonding opportunity. Rey Ayers, 42, an information security specialist for a utility company in the San Francisco Bay area, has attended DefCon for the past four years. He brought his son, Xavier, 14, who has been tinkering with computers for years and already has two information technology certifications. Ayers said it was important to introduce his son to the hacker community, adding that they've talked extensively about the difference between ethical and unethical hacking.

"I see it in him — he feels like he belongs to a clan, to a group. I'm really proud," Rey Ayers said in an interview. "I can see he has the excitement in his eyes." Xavier, his backpack decked out in new pins with hacker logos, said he's trying to follow in his dad's footsteps. The conference has given them new ideas to explore. The two look forward to finding vulnerabilities in wireless networks together when they get home to Vallejo, California. Xavier, who hacks mostly with his dad, said he hoped to meet some kids his age at the conference who

might become his hacking pen pals.

"I feel like a community here — it's like I'm not the only kid," Xavier said. The emergence of the DefCon kids' conference comes as hackers are making headlines around the world. Though the general public often associates hacking with criminality, the engineering culture of the technology mainstream has always embraced people who explore the boundaries of what can be done with computers and other gadgets. Steve Jobs and Stephen Wozniak, the co-founders of Apple Inc., have said they considered themselves "hackers" when they created the first Apple computers in the mid-1970s.

Recent hacker attacks, however, play into stereotypical definitions of hackers. On Saturday, for instance, the hacker group Anonymous broke into 70 U.S. law enforcement websites, illustrating the growing threat from criminal hackers. DefCon and its more-polished relative, the Black Hat technical security convention, drew thousands of people here in Las Vegas. They came for the revelry and intense discussion of new vulnerabilities in devices ranging from mobile phones to insulin pumps and critical infrastructure. □




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Gold price tops \$1,700 as investors seek refuge

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NEW YORK (AP) — The price of gold streaked past \$1,700 an ounce for the first time Monday.

Anxious investors sought safety in the metal as stocks tumbled around the world after the U.S. lost its AAA credit rating.

Gold's allure stems in part from fears that the world's major economies are dangerously indebted.

Its value, unlike that of a currency, doesn't hinge on whether countries can make their bond payments. Standard & Poor's on Friday cut the long-term credit rating for the U.S. by one notch to AA+, deepening investor fears about a weakening U.S. economy.

The move may have been expected, but economists say its impact is still unclear, and the downgrade could hurt the economy.

For example: Rates on

mortgages could rise, further damaging the U.S. housing market.

"The U.S. and global economy are in a feeble 'rehab' recovery and a trifecta of shocks has hit the economy — surging oil prices, the Japan disruption and the debt crises in Europe and the U.S.," wrote Ethan Harris, a Bank of America Merrill Lynch economist.

The downgrade could potentially be "the 'straw that breaks the camel's back,'" he said.

A debt crisis in Europe threatens to destabilize financial markets. Investors are worried that Spain or Italy, two of the world's major economies, could get priced out of the bond markets and default on their debts.

That's one reason why gold has appealed to investors in the aftermath of the Great Recession.

While the euro currency has

been pressured because of concern that European countries could default, the value of gold isn't tied to any country's balance sheet.

Gold soared \$61.40, or 3.7 percent, to settle at \$1,713.20 on Monday.

It reached a record high of \$1,723.40 per ounce during the day.

Still, adjusted for inflation, an ounce of gold remains below its 1980 peak of \$850, which translates into about \$2,400 in today's dollars.

Investors have turned to gold as the appeal of the dollar — the world's biggest reserve currency and traditionally a safe bet for investors — has ebbed.

The dollar has lost some of its allure because of concerns about the country's ability to pare its debt, the flagging U.S. economic recovery and measures the Federal Reserve has taken to support the economy.



A television monitor displays gold trading activity on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange near the close on Monday, Aug. 8, 2011 in New York. The Dow Jones industrials closed down 634 points, or 5.5 percent, to 10,809 Monday. It was the first time the Dow fell below 11,000 since November and its biggest one-day point drop since December 2008. Gold set a record, rising \$61.40 to settle at \$1,713.20.

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Gold's price has nearly doubled in price since the start of 2009, and its climb accelerated this summer.

The metal has become another currency, said George Gero, vice president at RBC Global Futures. The euro and dollar are weighed down by debt concerns.

There was concern about the yen and Swiss franc,

which investors also regard as safe havens, after moves by the central banks of Switzerland and Japan last week to curb the gains in their currencies.

"Investors have been concentrating on acquiring an asset that preserves purchasing power," Gero said. Last week's panicked stock selling also heightened gold's appeal. □

AIG sues Bank of America for \$10B over mortgages

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — More trouble piled up for Bank of America Corp. on Monday, as American International Group Inc. sued it for more than \$10 billion, saying the bank cheated it by selling residential mortgage-backed securities that were overvalued.

The suit comes on top of similar suits, which together put the bank in a precarious position, analysts say. The bank's stock dove 18.5 percent, or \$1.51, to \$6.66 in afternoon trading, revisiting levels seen at the nadir of the recession, in March 2009. AIG said Bank of America and two companies that were later gobbled up by the bank, Countrywide and Merrill Lynch, sold the insurance company \$28 billion in securities backed by home mortgages between 2005 and 2007, at the height of the housing boom. It said it looked at

more than 260,000 of the underlying mortgages, and found that the bank's "stated metrics" for 40 percent of the securities were false. In one case, a borrower said she had been the owner of a construction business for 25 years, which would have made her 10 years old when she took ownership, AIG said.

Bank of America denied the allegations, saying AIG was big enough and sophisticated enough to know the risks.

"AIG recklessly chased high yields and profits throughout the mortgage and structured finance markets. It is the very definition of an informed, seasoned investor, with losses solely attributable to its own excesses and errors," Bank of America spokesman Lawrence Grayson said.

AIG spokesman Mark Herr shot back: "It is disappointing but unsurprising that Bank of America continues

to attempt to blame others for its own misconduct. Investors, no matter how sophisticated, were entitled to rely on its numerous written representations about the securities it sold."

AIG shares fell \$2.29, or 9.1 percent, to \$22.81. They hit a 52-week low of \$22.10 earlier in the day.

In June, Bank of America agreed to pay \$8.5 billion to a group of investors for selling them poor-quality mortgage securities.

AIG's suit is separate, but the company is raising questions about whether the settlement went far enough.

On Friday, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman urged the judge to reject the settlement, calling it unfair.

Bank of America wrote a number of bad mortgages, but it is in worse shape than other major banks like JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Wells Fargo & Co. because

of its purchase of Countrywide for \$4 billion in 2008. What seemed like a bargain price for the country's largest mortgage lender has cost the bank tens of billions more in mortgage losses, regulatory fines, repurchases of poorly written loans and expensive litigation.

In January the financial institution paid \$2.6 billion to settle buyback claims on home loans sold to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. In April, the bank agreed to pay up to \$1.6 billion to Assured Guaranty Ltd., an insurer that also pressed the bank to repurchase shoddy mortgages.

In March the Federal Reserve did not allow Bank of America to increase its dividend, citing uncertainty about the depth of its mortgage problems.

It was the only denial issued to the four largest U.S. banks. And it raised questions over whether the bank

was strong enough to withstand another economic downturn.

Christopher Whalen, managing director of Institutional Risk Analytics, believes the government will eventually have to step into restructure the company.

"You're having this accumulation of claims ... and it's very clear they can't pay them," Whalen said. "At some point, the government has to acknowledge that this bank has far too many liabilities, and they don't have the capital and earnings to deal with it."

The cost of insuring Bank of America bonds against default with a "credit default swap" rose by about 50 percent on Monday, according to Markit. □



Stocks plunge _ Dow posts 6th-biggest point loss

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market buckled Monday under the weight of a crisis in Europe and danger of recession in the U.S. Reeling from a downgrade of American debt, the Dow Jones industrials plunged 634 points.

It was the worst day for the market since the financial crisis in 2008 and extended Wall Street's sudden, sharp decline. Stocks have lost 15 percent of their value in just two and a half weeks.

Monday was the first trading day since Standard and Poor's downgraded the United States' risk-free credit rating, and the selling started at the opening bell. The Dow dropped 250 points in minutes. For the rest of the day, investors looked for safer places for their money. With few buyers left for stocks, the market could only drift lower. The Dow finished the day down 5.5 percent. The point decline was the worst since Dec. 1, 2008, and the sixth-steepest ever.

The average ended at 10,809.85, its first close under 11,000 since November.

The turmoil in the U.S. markets was the end of a day-long rout that swept the world. Stocks lost 4 percent in South Korea and 2 percent in Japan, then 5 percent in Germany and 4 percent in France.

The selling picked up again early Tuesday in Asia. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index was off nearly 5 percent, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index shed more than 7 percent. In the U.S., stocks fell even though Moody's, another major credit rating agency, stood by its top rating of Aaa for the United States. It said it could downgrade the U.S. if it did not cut its deficit, "but it is early to conclude that such measures will not be forthcoming."

In a bit of irony following the S&P downgrade, investors decided U.S. debt was one of the safest places to be. They also sought refuge in gold, which set a record price.

"The S&P downgrade of

U.S. government debt is the least of our problems," said economist Scott Brown at Raymond James & Associates. "The bigger worry is subpar economic growth and the threat of a new recession."

Economists at Goldman Sachs peg the chances of another recession at one in three, most likely in the next six to nine months. The threat was barely talked about earlier this summer.

The U.S. economy grew at a feeble 0.8 percent annual pace the first half of 2011, its slowest since the end of the Great Recession in June 2009. Manufacturing and consumer spending have slowed dramatically.

Oil prices plunged 6 percent to the lowest price of the year Monday — \$81.31 a barrel. Investors predict a weakening economy means that consumers and businesses will buy less gasoline.

Financial markets were not comforted by an afternoon statement by President Barack Obama, who said Washington needs more "common sense and compromise" to tame its debt.

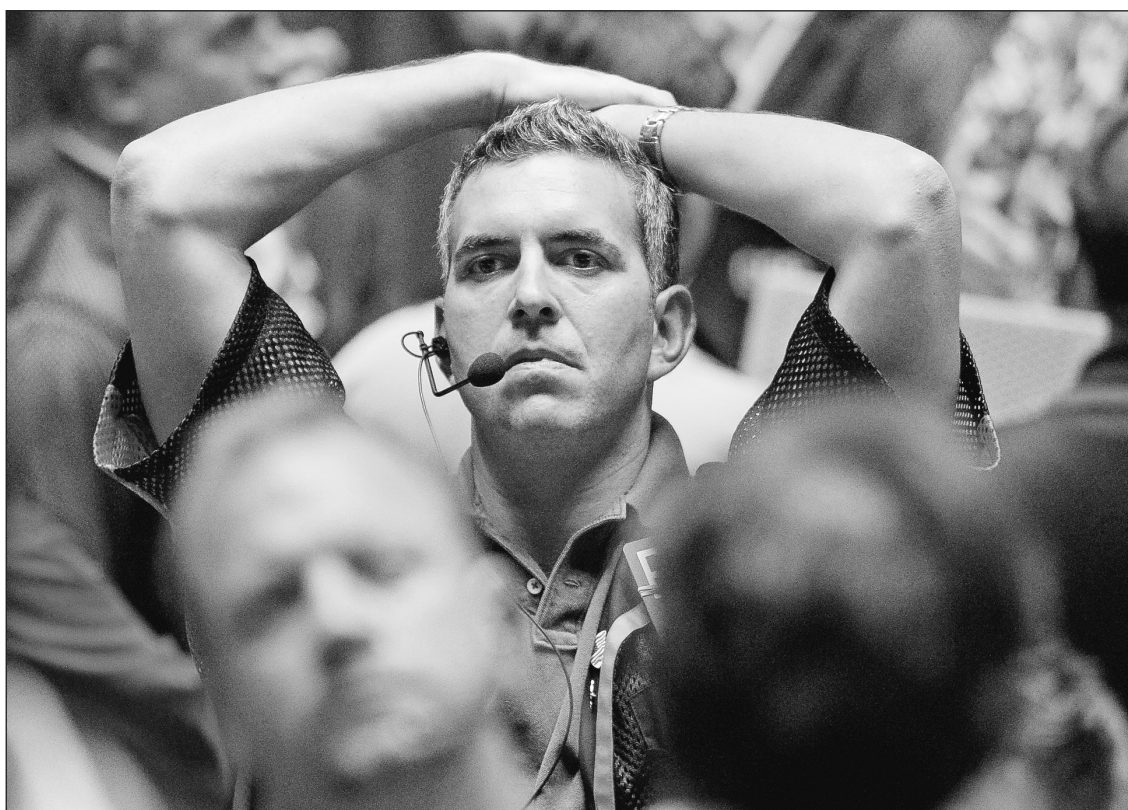
"Markets will rise and fall," he said. "But this is the United States of America. No matter what some agency may say, we've always been and always will be a triple-A country."

Across the Atlantic, policymakers struggled to contain a debt crisis of their own. The threat of default has spread from relatively small countries like Greece and Portugal to bigger ones — Italy and Spain.

If those countries failed to meet their debt payments, Italian and Spanish banks would absorb losses on their holdings of their countries' government bonds.

Then the pain could spread outward — to foreign banks that made loans to Spanish or Italian banks and beyond.

The European Central Bank stepped in Monday, buying billions of euros' worth of Italian and Spanish bonds to drive down dangerously high interest rates. But the move does nothing



Trader Patrick Garvey reacts after the close of trading in the S&P 500 Futures pit, on the floor of The CME Group Monday, Aug. 8, 2011, in Chicago. Stocks plummeted at the close after anxiety overtook investors on the first trading day since Standard & Poor's downgraded American debt.

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to address the underlying problem: huge Italian and Spanish debts that could require a bailout and strain the resources of the European Union.

S&P added to the anxieties Friday night by downgrading long-term U.S. government debt — Treasury securities with maturities of more than a year — by one notch, from AAA to AA+.

Then on Monday, it downgraded the credit ratings of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and other government agencies that rely on the creditworthiness of the federal government.

In withdrawing the top credit rating, S&P blamed political paralysis in Washington. Republicans and Democrats agree on the need to reduce massive annual budget deficits that have left the United States holding \$14.3 trillion in debt. But they can't agree how to do it. Republicans refuse to raise tax revenues, and Democrats resist cuts to social programs such as Medicare and Social Security.

But in their first opportunity to buy long-term Treasuries after S&P declared them riskier, investors paid a premium for them. The yield on 10-year Treasury bonds fell to 2.34 percent Monday

from 2.56 percent Friday as investors bid prices up.

"What you're seeing amply demonstrated today is that, should there be any question about the stability of the global economic backdrop, the U.S. dollar rises in value, and Treasuries are still the pre-eminent flight-to-quality security in the world markets," said Robert Tipp, chief investment strategist with Prudential Fixed Income.

The drop in Treasury yields signals that investors are more worried about slowing growth than they are about the credit risk posed by the U.S. government. Investors showed Monday

that nothing has shaken their confidence that the U.S. will pay its creditors.

Many investors flee to Treasuries when there are signs economic growth is deteriorating. Steven Major, a strategist at HSBC Bank, said 10-year yields could drop as low as 2 percent if the U.S. stumbles back into recession. It fell as low as 2.06 percent during the financial crisis in 2008.

S&P's decision does pose one risk, said Jan Hatzius, Goldman Sachs' chief economist: It could force the U.S. government to cut spending and reduce its budget deficit faster than it would otherwise. □

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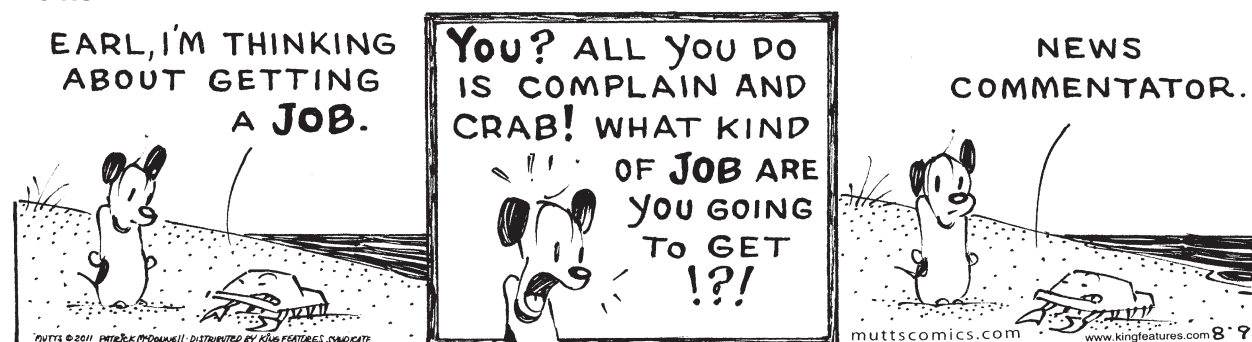
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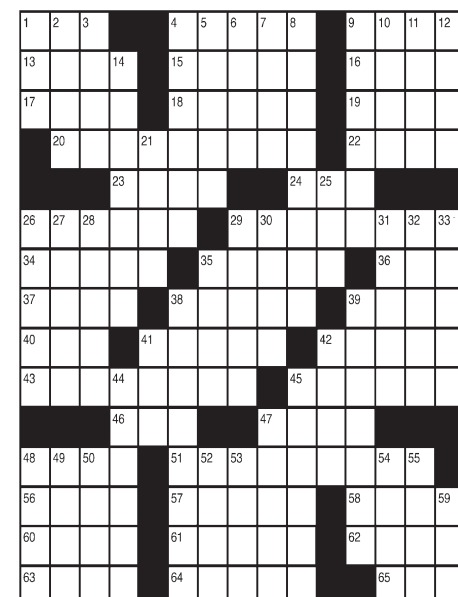
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

2	7	8	6	4	5	3	9	1
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3	4	5	8	7	6	1	2	9
7	8	2	9	1	3	6	4	5
9	1	6	5	2	4	7	3	8

ACROSS

- 1 Short rest
- 4 ___ of; before
- 9 Rainbows
- 13 Perched upon
- 15 Windowsill, for example
- 16 Jump
- 17 Monotonous speaker
- 18 Book leaves
- 19 Take apart
- 20 Cruel
- 22 Maximum
- 23 Debt demands
- 24 Long, long time
- 26 Drink
- 29 Filled tortillas
- 34 Acting parts
- 35 "___ makes waste"
- 36 Groove
- 37 Actor Sandler
- 38 "Oh, for ___ sake!"
- 39 Autry or Kelly
- 40 One of JFK's brothers
- 41 Mistake
- 42 Explorer ___ de Leon
- 43 November 2012 event in the U.S.A.
- 45 ___ off; fell asleep
- 46 ___ cream cone
- 47 Unwanted plant
- 48 Voting alliance
- 51 Long, wavy strips blowing in the wind
- 56 Dubuque, ___
- 57 Goody
- 58 ___ and pepper
- 60 In the sack
- 61 Depart
- 62 "___ White and the Seven Dwarfs"
- 63 Fountain order
- 64 Middle East nation
- 65 Classic Pontiac



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

DIRE	ERODE	BLEED
EDEN	COLOR	RIDE
BEAD	HODGE	PODGE
TACT	TOSS	LOSER
AMUSES	QUIET	PAD
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ASIA	WURST	GLEE
BEN	GIANT	TRICE
STRAND	WAITER	
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- 3 Skin opening
- 4 Of the Matterhorn's range
- 5 Makes well
- 6 Border
- 7 Gets older
- 8 Crème brûlée and apple pie
- 9 Graduates
- 10 City in Nevada
- 11 Scoundrels
- 12 Blemish
- 14 By the day, as some are paid
- 21 Chicago team
- 25 Unrefined gold
- 26 Furious
- 27 Fashion show participant
- 28 Part of a knife
- 29 ___ Rouge, LA
- 30 Consumer
- 31 General tendency
- 32 1/16 of a pound
- 33 Spirited horse
- 35 Big sandwich
- 38 Of the clergy

DOWN

- 1 Capture
- 2 Tiny particle

- 39 Athena or Aphrodite
- 41 And so forth: abbr.
- 42 "The Raven" or "Evangeline"
- 44 Crop-destroying bug
- 45 Straighten up
- 47 Use a loom
- 48 Unfair slant
- 49 Gray wolf
- 50 Had debts
- 52 Ash or alder
- 53 Enlarge a hole
- 54 Pealed
- 55 Thin opening
- 59 Couple

Today In History

Today is Tuesday, August 9, the 221nd day of 2011. There are 144 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

480 B.C. - Greek troops led by Spartan King Leonidas are overcome by the Persians at Thermopylae after a heroic stand.

378 B.C. - Visigoths annihilate a Roman army and kill the emperor at Adrianople (present-day Edirne, Turkey), marking the beginning of serious barbarian invasions on Roman territory.

1615 - Second War of Religion breaks out in France.

1790 - The ship Columbia returns to Boston Harbor after a three-year circumnavigation, becoming the first ship to carry the American flag around the world.

1792 - Revolutionary commune is established in Paris, France to remove the influence of government.

1830 - French parliament declares Louis-Philippe king after Charles X is forced to abdicate by the July Revolution, inaugurating the constitutional "July Monarchy."

1898 - Spain formally accepts peace terms ending Spanish-American War.

1902 - Edward VII is crowned king of England following the death of his mother, Queen Victoria.

1919 - Anglo-Persian agreement is signed at Tehran to preserve integrity of Persia.

1936 - In a blow to Hitler's plan to have the Berlin Olympics prove Aryan superiority, black U.S. athlete Jesse Owens becomes the first Olympian to win four Olympic gold medals.

1942 - Britain arrests Indian nationalist Mohandas Gandhi. He is interned until 1944.

1945 - U.S. plane drops second atomic bomb, destroying more than half of Nagasaki, Japan, and killing an estimated 74,000. Despite nuclear proliferation, it marks the last time any country has used such a device for mass destruction in combat.

1951 - Afghanistan signs friendship treaties with Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

1954 - Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey sign treaty of



Today is Gillian Anderson's birthday

mutual assistance.

1956 - U.N. Security Council adopts U.S.-proposed resolution calling for cease-fire between Greek and Turkish Cypriots on Cyprus.

1965 - Singapore proclaims its independence from the Malaysian Federation.

1969 - U.S. actress Sharon Tate and four other people are found murdered in her Los Angeles home. Cult leader Charles Manson and his disciples are later convicted.

1974 - Richard Nixon becomes the first U.S. president to resign from office. Gerald R. Ford succeeds him.

1975 - Two river boats collide near Canton, China, and 500 people are reported drowned.

1979 - Nicaragua's new government announces a series of reforms designed to restore normal life to the country and stimulate the economy.

1984- France and Britain start an international effort by dispatching ships at the Suez Canal to help clear the Red Sea of mines.

1985 - Fighting in Beirut breaks out between Christian and Muslim militiamen. Thousands of rocket, mortar and artillery rounds crash into residential areas on both sides, killing at least 43 people.

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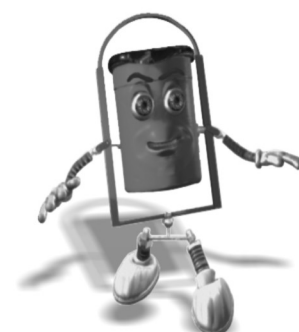
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Surviving NASA rover nears rim of Martian crater

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Months after the death of the Mars rover Spirit, its surviving twin is poised to reach the rim of a vast crater to begin a fresh round of exploration. Driving commands sent up to Opportunity directed the six-wheel rover to make the final push toward Endeavour crater, a 14-mile-wide depression near the Martian equator that likely could be its final destination.

At its current pace and barring any hiccups, Opportunity should roll up to the crater's edge on Tuesday. The finish line was a spot along a ridge that the rover team nicknamed "Spirit Point" in honor of Opportunity's lost twin.

"I'm totally pumped. We've been driving for so long," said Ray Arvidson of Washington University in St. Louis who is part of the team. The milestone injects a

sense of adventure back into a mission that wowed the public with color portraits of the landscape and the unmistakable geologic discoveries of a warm and wetter past.

The NASA rovers parachuted to opposite sides of Mars in 2004 for what was a planned three-month mission, but both have operated beyond their factory warranty.

Spirit's journey ended in May after NASA ceased trying to contact it. It had been trapped in sand and unheard from for more than a year. Opportunity has been on a driving spree since 2008 after it crawled out of a much smaller crater and trundled south toward Endeavour, stopping occasionally to sightsee and examine rock outcrops.

Unlike the early days of the mission when the public tracked Opportunity's every move, the march to Endeavour has been largely

low-key.

In early 2009, Opportunity caught its first peek of the uplifted rim on the horizon. At the time, scientists were unsure if the rover would make it all the way.

The roughly seven-mile journey took longer than the estimated two years to fulfill. Opportunity, driving backward to prevent its right front wheel from wearing out, could not travel as the crow flies because of dangerous obstacles. So it took a circuitous route and ended up driving twice the distance.

Project manager John Calas of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory said Endeavour crater is arguably the most important science target since landing.

Craters are carved by asteroids or comets impacting into the Martian surface and exposing geological layers from different points in history. Endeavour is the fourth crater that Opportunity will explore and offers the oldest deposits yet.

Opportunity, which logged more than 20 miles (32 kilometers) since landing, will spend several months imaging the rim and interior, which has been partially filled in by rocks and sediments.

There are no plans to drive across the crater for fear of getting stuck, Callas said. Instead, it will traverse south along the rim in search of



In this photo released July 19, 2011 by NASA showing NASA's Mars Exploration Rover Opportunity.

Associated Press

clay minerals thought to form under wet conditions. While these clay minerals have been extensively studied by orbiting spacecraft, Opportunity will be the first to examine them

on the ground. “We will likely spend years at this location,” Callas said. “What a destination. It’s not just one spot. There’s kilometers of interesting geology to explore.” □

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In final show of McQueen exhibit, thousands brave lines

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NEW YORK — Even after midnight on a rainy weekend, they waited at the Metropolitan Museum of Art: a line of about 1,500 people snaking through the Medieval Hall; past the Japanese ceramics and Mesopotamian artifacts displayed along the Great

urday and Sunday, the final two days of the exhibition — it was the confluence of several factors that raised interest, Harold Holzer, a museum spokesman, said. There was the wedding gown for Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, from McQueen's studio; the sad story of his abbreviated life; and the viral nature of on-

out this early."

Some people, having heard that the wait could reach five hours, came prepared. Sara Noble, an arts administrator who was there with a friend, Matthew Tully, an administrative assistant and bartender, said she had read about seven of the Neil Gaiman short stories she

fice manager and performer who arrived with one friend and made three others while waiting, echoed Noble's sentiment. "We were saying that it should be a reality show, 'The Line,' like who makes it, who wasn't voted out of the line," she said, laughing.

Overwhelmingly, people leaving the exhibition said the wait was well worth it, as evidenced by the exclamations over the breadth of McQueen's imagination and the skill of his tailoring. "Holy bananas!" one woman cried, walking toward a dress of black duck feathers with a silhouette like an enormous bow enveloping the shoulders atop a heart hugging the hips to the knees. A companion simply said, "Wow," over and over, shaking her head in apparent disbelief. Another woman stood in a corner to look at the back of a gray and white silk organza dress printed with line drawings of birds and holy figures. "His fabric is, like, so extraordinary," she said to

to extreme. Around midnight, a party promoter known as Ladyfag was examining the art in the Medieval Hall, unconcerned by the prospect of a long wait in 6.3-inch platform ankle booties of black leather, with curved white heels fashioned like spines that were reminiscent of McQueen but designed by Dsquared. She said she never wore flats, not even "to the bodega." Asked if that meant her feet did not ache, she smiled broadly and said, "I didn't say that." Then there was Bella Richard, 14, the recipient of stares and compliments for her sleeveless red tartan and tulle cinched waist dress: a copy of a design from McQueen's "Widows of Culloden" collection. She fell in love with it when she saw the show two weeks ago, staring at it for a half an hour, she said. "So we spent all week making the dress," her mother, Beth, a seamstress, said, "and we had it almost all finished and she said, 'Mom, I want the other



Visitors wait in line to see "Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty," at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in New York. Some visitors waited for hours to see the retrospective exhibition of Alexander McQueen, the designer who killed himself last year at 40, on the day before the exhibit closed.

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

Hall balcony; past centuries of sculptures, paintings and other objects before they finally arrived, giddy from an hours-long wait.

"Yay!" one woman cried, as a guard lifted the final slim, brown rope on "Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty," a retrospective exhibition of the work of the British designer, who killed himself last year at 40. "We made it!" another woman called out as the crowd burst into applause.

"Do not touch the McQueen dresses for no reasons," another guard admonished wearily, grammar fallen victim to so many hours of repetition. "Thank you for coming."

Every so often, a seemingly esoteric event in New York captures the public imagination, reaching the buzzy, must-see status more often reserved for canonized artists like Vincent van Gogh or Leonardo da Vinci. In the case of the McQueen show — whose popularity surprised museum officials and led them to extend entry hours to midnight on Sat-

line word-of-mouth.

The exhibition has attracted more than 650,000 visitors since it opened on May 4, and 15,000 on Saturday alone. It is among the 10 most-visited shows in the museum's history, and the most popular special exhibition ever at the Costume Institute, which is housed at the museum.

On Saturday night, when the wait ranged from 90 minutes to three hours, several people said they had come on the recommendation of friends who told them the exhibition was not to be missed. Erika Fioravanti, a graphic designer, had already seen it once and was so impressed that she decided to come back with her friend, Erick Rivero, a lawyer who said he loved clothes. The two were near the end of the line around 11:30 p.m., and seemed unfazed that they would probably still be at the museum at 2 a.m. "It's Saturday night; we'd be up anyway," Rivero said, as Fioravanti added, laughing, "I'm surprised we got



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(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

had brought with her. "All of my friends had said you just absolutely have to go see this, and I guess I'm crazy enough to wait in line this long," she said. "It seems almost like the event is waiting in line, and then getting to see the exhibit." DeeAnne Gorman, an of-

fice companion. "He knows how to cut it and gather it. Just the way it ends up in the right place — that's, like, tailoring."

As the evening wore on, it was the outfits of the visitors that began to attract attention as the look of the crowd shifted from casual

one,' the spray-painted one. So we made that."

"I've still got spray paint on me," Bella said, lifting the first dress to show a leg speckled in green. She said she would wear the other dress on Sunday, when she came to the show yet again. □

Kanye West says people look at him 'like Hitler'

EASTNOR CASTLE DEER PARK, England (AP) —

Kanye West says he feels like people look at him like Hitler. The 34-year-old rapper known for his outbursts was the headline act at the Big Chill music festival Saturday night, where he ranted in the middle of his set about being misunderstood and underappreciated. "I walk through the hotel and I walk down the street, and people look at me like I'm (expletive) insane, like I'm Hitler," he said. "One day the light will shine through and one day people will understand everything I ever did." West received light boos from the crowd as a result.

The performer also defended the music video for his song "Monster," which features cannibalism and girls hanging from their necks.

"Who saw the video before it got banned, before they took it down and before women's groups starting saying that a person that lost the most important woman in his life is now against women in some way?" asked West, referring to the 2007 death of his mother Donda West. West, who started his set roughly



U.S. singer and rapper Kanye West performs at Mawazine Festival in Rabat, Morocco.

(AP Photo/Abdeljalil Bounhar)

30-minutes late, apologized to the crowd for his tardiness, saying he need-

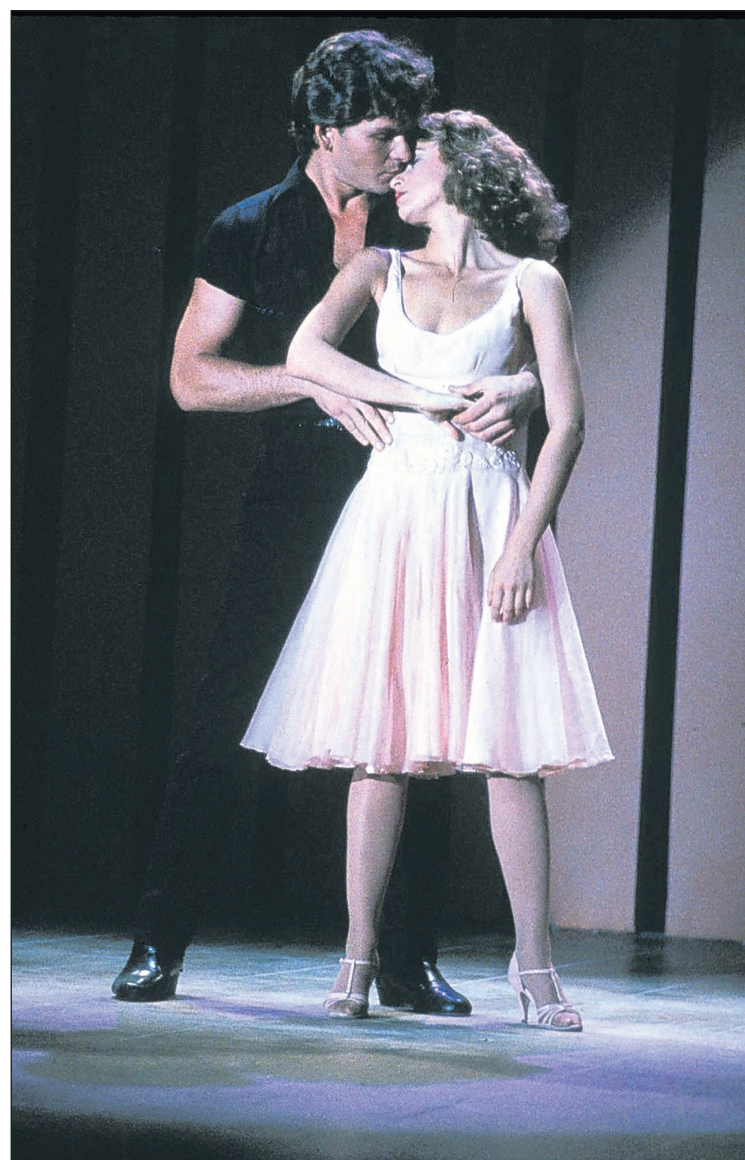
ed to make sure his performance was great. "Michael Jordan changed

so much in basketball, he took his power to make a difference. It's so much (expletive) going on in music right now and somebody has to make a (expletive) difference," he said.

The multiplatinum-seller is known for his outspokenness, most notably his diss toward Taylor Swift at the 2009 MTV Video Music Awards, where he grabbed the microphone from her as she accepted

the award for best female video and said Beyonce should have won it. In 2005 he said "George Bush doesn't care about black people" during a Hurricane Katrina telethon. At the music festival, West talked about some of his awards show drama, saying some of his sponsorships were canceled as a result. But West closed his show on a positive note by paying tribute to Amy Winehouse. □

Lionsgate announces 'Dirty Dancing' remake



In this image provided by Lionsgate Home Entertainment, Patrick Swayze, portraying Johnny Castle, and Jennifer Grey, portraying Baby Houseman, are shown in a scene from the film, "Dirty Dancing." Lionsgate is set to produce a remake of the film directed by Kenny Ortega.

(AP Photo/Lionsgate Home Entertainment)

K-9 sniffed drugs rapper on Big Boi



Police say a K-9 dog smelled drugs on Grammy-winning OutKast rapper Big Boi (left) as he was getting off a cruise ship in Miami.

MIAMI (AP) — Police say a K-9 dog smelled drugs on Grammy-winning OutKast

rapper Big Boi as he was getting off a cruise ship in Miami.

A warrant from Sunday's arrest released Monday says customs agents patted down the 36-year-old rapper, whose real name is Antwan Patton, and found Ecstasy and Viagra pills and a cigarette roller with marijuana residue.

Patton was also accused of carrying MDMA, which is the main ingredient in Ecstasy.

Big Boi was charged with three counts of possession of a controlled substance and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia. The rapper was released on \$16,000 bond.

Phone and email messages left with his publicists were not immediately returned. The Atlanta-based group OutKast won six Grammys and churned out six platinum-plus albums, including "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below." □

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Dirty Dancing" is coming back to the big screen.

Lionsgate says it is remaking the 1987 film that starred Jennifer Grey as a naive dance student and Patrick Swayze as her teacher and lover.

The studio said Monday

that Kenny Ortega, who choreographed the original film, will direct the remake. Ortega says he is eager to discover and cast "the next breakout triple-threats" to define dancing for a generation, the way Swayze did in the original "Dirty Dancing." □

Waiting for a landslide



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In 1955, a political scientist named V.O. Key published an essay titled "A Theory of Critical Elections." He argued that realignments in American politics are usually punctuated by transformative elections, in which the old order suddenly gives way and a new majority emerges in its place.

This "realignment theory" was embraced by many scholars because it fit the historical record so well. Every 30 to 40 years, it seemed, the American political order had decisively turned over: In 1800, when Thomas Jefferson's Democratic-Republicans trounced John Adams' Federalists; in 1828, when the Democratic-Republicans split into the Democrats and the Whigs; and on down through Abraham Lincoln's 1860 victory, William McKinley's 1896 consolidation of a Republican majority, and the emergence of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal coalition.

But what made sense to the political scientists of the past has become a trap for the politicians of the present. One reason American policymaking has become "less stable, less effective, and less predictable" — in the words of the downgrade that Standard & Poor's handed to the United States on Friday night — is the enduring influence of Key's theory, and the seductive dream of realignment that it conjured up. This dream has hovered over national leaders from Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan to Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich. But it has loomed larger in the last decade, as our politics have grown more polarized and our country has suffered through a series of dislocations and disasters. Events like 9/11 and the Great Recession have convinced partisans on both sides that a dramatic realignment is imminent; the breadth of the ideological divide has convinced them that it's necessary. Thus the conservative hope that the war on terror would decisively tilt American politics to the right, and the liberal assumption that the 2008 financial crisis had unmade the Reagan coalition forever. Thus Karl Rove's famous goal of a permanent (or at least "durable") Republican majority and Rahm Emanuel's promise that the Obama White House wouldn't let a "crisis go to waste." Thus the assumption, on the left and right

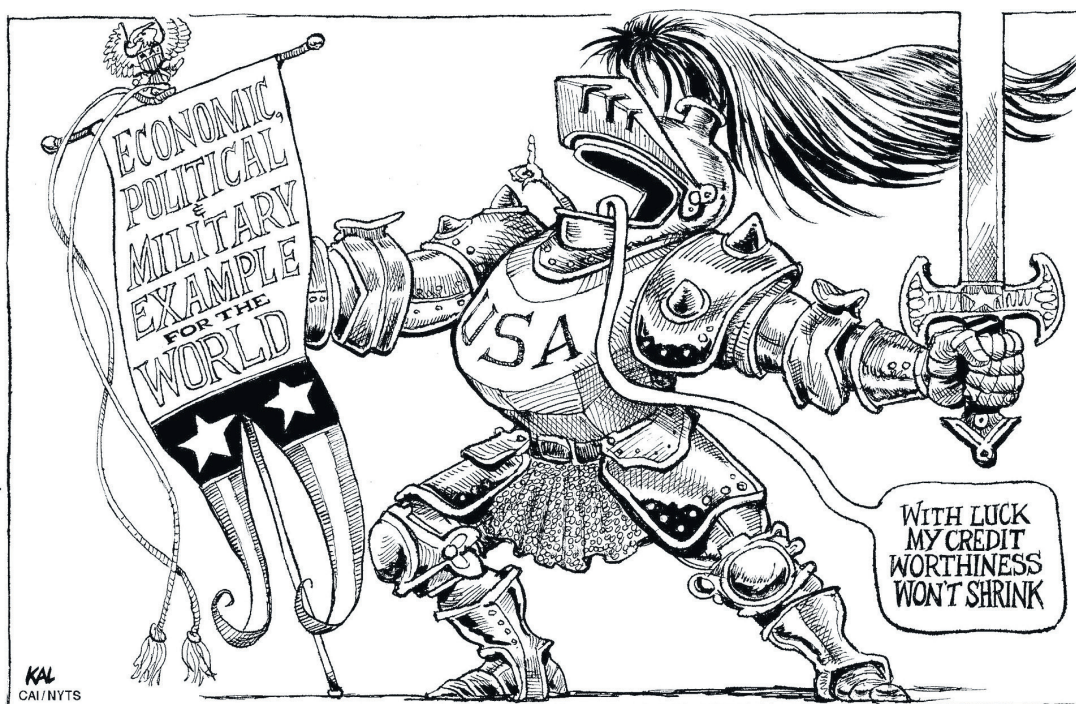
alike, that every presidential election is the most important in our lifetime — except for the next one, which will be more important still. Like most commentators, I've indulged in these kinds of sentiments myself. American politics really is riven by fundamental divisions. Our recent elections have had dramatic consequences. It will make a tremendous difference whether the next enduring majority owes more to Barack Obama's liberalism, Tea Party conservatism, or some other worldview still.

But there's no guarantee that such a majority will be established in time to walk the country backward from the fiscal cliff. And in the meantime, our leaders have a responsibility that transcends their ideological differences: the responsibility to work with one another to keep the country solvent. The dream of realignment has become the enemy of such compromises. It inspires politicians to claim sweeping mandates from highly contingent victories: Think of Dick Cheney insisting on another round of deficit-financed tax cuts in 2003 because "we won the midterm elections" and "this is our due," or the near-identical rebukes that Obama delivered to Eric Cantor ("Elections have consequences — and Eric, I won") and to John McCain ("the election's over") during the debates over the stimulus and health care.

The losers, meanwhile, wax intransigent, while hoping for a realignment of their own. After all, why cut a deal today if tomorrow you might overthrow your rivals permanently? Better to just say "no" flat out, as the Bush-era Democrats did with Social Security reform and the Republicans did with health care, and hope that the next election will deliver you the once-in-a-generation victory. This is how some Republicans are thinking today, as they crow about "the Obama downgrade" and imagine all they can accomplish in a Mitt Romney administration. Or a Paul Ryan administration, for that matter: Many conservatives are eager to see their party's leading champion of entitlement reform enter the race, the better to make 2012 feel like a true hinge-of-history moment, a decisive choice between social democracy and free-market capitalism.

In reality, the next election may be no more transformative than 2008 turned out to be. The next Republican president may find himself as hemmed in and frustrated as Obama has become. Meanwhile, America will still have a credit rating to fix, and a deficit to close. None of this means that our parties need to give up their deep convictions, their grand plans, or their hopes of winning an enduring mandate.

But in the wake of the weekend's downgrade, we need them to govern as though that final victory might never quite arrive. □



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Credibility, chutzpah and debt



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To understand the furor over the decision by Standard & Poor's, the rating agency, to downgrade U.S. government debt, you have to hold in your mind two seemingly (but not actually) contradictory ideas. The first is that America is indeed no longer the stable, reliable country it once was. The second is that S&P itself has even lower credibility; it's the last place anyone should turn for judgments about our nation's prospects.

Let's start with S&P's lack of credibility. If there's a single word that best describes the rating agency's decision to downgrade America, it's chutzpah — traditionally defined by the example of the young man who kills his parents, then pleads for mercy because he's an orphan.

America's large budget deficit is, after all, primarily the result of the economic slump that followed the 2008 financial crisis. And S&P, along with its sister rating agencies, played a major role in causing that crisis, by giving AAA ratings to mortgage-backed assets that have since turned into toxic waste.

Nor did the bad judgment stop there. Notoriously, S&P gave Lehman Brothers, whose collapse triggered a global panic, an A rating right up to the month of its demise. And how did the rating agency react after this A-rated

firm went bankrupt? By issuing a report denying that it had done anything wrong.

So these people are now pronouncing on the creditworthiness of the United States of America? Wait, it gets better.

Before downgrading U.S. debt, S&P sent a preliminary draft of its news release to the U.S. Treasury. Officials there quickly spotted a \$2 trillion error in S&P's calculations.

And the error was the kind of thing any budget expert should have gotten right.

After discussion, S&P conceded that it was wrong — and downgraded America anyway, after removing some of the economic analysis from its report.

As I'll explain in a minute, such budget estimates shouldn't be given much weight in any case. But the episode hardly inspires confidence in S&P's judgment.

More broadly, the rating agencies have never given us any reason to take their judgments about national solvency seriously.

It's true that defaulting nations were generally downgraded before the event.

But in such cases the rating agencies were just following the markets, which had already turned on these problem debtors.

And in those rare cases where rating agencies have downgraded countries that, like America now, still had the confidence of investors, they have consistently been wrong. Consider, in particular, the case of Japan, which S&P downgraded in 2002.

Well, nine years later Japan is still able to borrow freely and cheaply. As of Friday, in fact, the interest rate on Japanese 10-year bonds was just 1 percent.

So there is no reason to take Friday's downgrade of America seriously. These are the last people whose judgment we should trust. And yet America does have big problems.

These problems have very little to do with short-term or even medi-

um-term budget arithmetic.

The U.S. government is having no trouble borrowing to cover its current deficit. It's true that we're building up debt, on which we'll eventually have to pay interest.

But if you actually do the math, instead of intoning big numbers in your best Dr. Evil voice, you discover that even very large deficits over the next few years will have remarkably little impact on U.S. fiscal sustainability.

No, what makes America look unreliable isn't budget math, it's politics. And please, let's not have the usual declarations that both sides are at fault.

Our problems are almost entirely one-sided — specifically, they're caused by the rise of an extremist right that is prepared to create repeated crises rather than give an inch on its demands.

The truth is that as far as the straight economics goes, America's long-run fiscal problems shouldn't be all that hard to fix.

It's true that an aging population and rising health care costs will, under current policies, push spending up faster than tax receipts. But the United States has far higher health costs than any other advanced country, and very low taxes by international standards. If we could move even part way toward international norms on both these fronts, our budget problems would be solved.

So why can't we do that? Because we have a powerful political movement in this country that screamed "death panels" in the face of modest efforts to use Medicare funds more effectively, and preferred to risk financial catastrophe rather than agree to even a penny in additional revenues.

The real question facing America, even in purely fiscal terms, isn't whether we'll trim a trillion here or a trillion there from deficits.

It is whether the extremists now blocking any kind of responsible policy can be defeated and marginalized. □

Jazz's present gets its chance at Newport

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NEWPORT, R.I. — Leaving the Newport Jazz Festival on Sunday evening, hearing Rudresh Mahanthappa and Bunky Green's bright

good or bad; it's just how jazz audiences are. They're sentimental. They want to return to things. But unlike the audience of 1954, the first year of the festival, very few people in the cul-

jazz is now: They booked a lot of bandleaders in their 20s or 30s. Then they scheduled them awkwardly. There was an extra mile not taken regarding patterns of taste, or possible conti-

for: canned, thundering virtuosity.)

Why not do much more with the natural connections between regional scenes and individual musicians to create narratives throughout the day? The good pop festivals can get this sort of thing almost scientifically right. Newport Jazz didn't.

It's in the details, sometimes. I was looking forward to hearing Miguel Zenon's new music: versions of songs by 20th-century Puerto Rican composers reimagined for jazz quartet, with arrangements for 10 woodwinds by Guillermo Klein. The quartet sits on the front line of sound and rhythm in jazz, and Klein doesn't just write adequately for hire; when he composes something, you want to hear it. But even up close the woodwinds were mostly inaudible over the louder quartet, so I heard only half of what I came for.

the highest standards because it has been, and still could be, something to believe in. (Jazz audiences want something to believe in.)

And even if it isn't necessarily the best jazz festival in the world, a lot of people want it to be good, including the publishing and broadcasting media. Consider how many albums in a reasonably good jazz record collection were recorded live at Newport. Then go to NPR's website, which has been streaming and archiving many of the performances from this year's festival, listen to the best ones — Coleman and Five Elements; the trumpeter Avishai Cohen's new group, Triveni; John Hollenbeck's 19-piece Large Ensemble — and consider that those could be in a good jazz record collection too. Coleman, the alto saxophonist, played with his current A-list: the singer Jen Shyu, the trumpeter Jona-



Charles Lloyd performs with his trio, Sangam, at the Newport Jazz Festival, in Newport R.I., Aug. 7, 2011. Rather than book older more established acts to headline, the festival was highlighted by young bandleaders currently on the tip of the jazz movement.

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and brilliant alto saxophone sounds recede as you walked in the rain toward the water, you could feel a couple of contradictory things. One: The Newport Jazz Festival still matters. Two: That was pretty good for the Newport Jazz Festival.

Oh, there was a minority of serious fans at Fort Adams State Park, on the harbor. Readers of Downbeat, vibraphone freaks, alternate-take memorizers, musicians of one kind or another. (Tickets cost \$75 at the gate, but only \$15 if you had a current Berklee or New England Conservatory student ID.) I'm guessing about this, though I am familiar with the species.

But a more casual species made up a majority: those who might have been there because the Newport Jazz Festival is a place to go in a bright T-shirt and a straw hat, a summer tradition in a part of the country that loves summer traditions. Perhaps, years ago, their parents or uncles had taken them there. Perhaps they had taken their parents or uncles. This is not

ture of jazz these days are on the same page. And so the overriding mood in the audience — declared by festival organizers to be 7,500 on sunny Saturday and 5,000 on rainy Sunday, though I don't quite buy the second number — was one of pleasant distraction. There were no demigods for the closing hours, to make audiences get religion: no Wayne Shorter or Keith Jarrett, no famous singer to rally around. The bassist and singer Esperanza Spalding, who recently won a surprise Grammy for best new artist, radiated the most star power of the weekend. (She played gracefully, not her usual tight pop show but two rambling sets with lots of guests, reaffirming her connection to the jazz world; afterward she gave advice to schoolchildren backstage.) The Brubeck Brothers Quartet, with their father, Dave, as guest — in the end, he didn't show — were the only direct tie to the festival's beginning years.

Instead, the festival organizers did the brave thing, putting their faith in where



Festival goers watch a musical performance at the Newport Jazz Festival, in Newport R.I., Aug. 7, 2011.

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nities, or momentum. Why put Steve Coleman in the same time slot as Green, when Coleman is one of Green's very few well-known disciples? Why end Day 1 with a duo of Al Di Meola and Gonzalo Rubalcaba playing glossy guitar-and-piano rhapsodies? Why — if not just to save money — book Trombone Shorty twice, since his New Orleans funk-rock band played nearly the same set two days in a row? (The pianist Hiromi played twice too, perhaps giving music students what they came

Zenon is a brilliant saxophonist and composer, one of the best working in jazz. He won a MacArthur grant three years ago. And yet in his two appearances — one with his own group, one in an excellent three-way saxophone chase with Coleman and Ravi Coltrane — the MC's, New England jazz radio DJ's, invented several new ways to mangle his name. The charitable assumption is that they don't play Zenon's music on their shows. Or maybe they just don't know who he is. You want to hold Newport to

than Finlayson, the pianist David Virelles, the bassist Thomas Morgan and the drummer Tyshawn Sorey. They were good, sometimes extravagantly so, in five long pieces held together by moving harmony like weather changes — you felt them down to your bones — and by Shyu's singing, emotional and dramatic, though it came out in nontraditional scat syllables. Original as the whole thing was, Shyu's connection to Sarah Vaughan shone through, as did Coleman's to Charlie Parker. □